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Candidates for Student Senate Executive Officers

President



Larry Seneker
Senior
Computer Science
Mt. Vernon, Mo.

"I am seeking this position due to my leadership skills and extensive experience in not only the Senate itself, but in the College as a whole."

Vice president



Cami Davey
Junior
Psychology
Carl Junction, Mo.

"As vice president of the Student Senate, I know I could make a difference. I have the experience and the desire to get things done. The Senate is to work for the students. Communication between the two is essential. I feel I am very accessible to the students and willing to listen to their needs."



Brian M. Rash
Sophomore
Music Education
Preston, Mo.

"I feel that my services to the student body of MSSC can be considered a valuable asset. My past involvement and activities in the Student Senate proves my dedication to it. I will do my best to serve the people I represent."



Paul Hendrickson
Junior
Marketing & Management
St. Charles, Mo.

"I feel I can make a positive change to the Senate through better organization. The Senate, in my opinion, is somewhat 'out of touch' with the students. Changes need to be made and I believe that through proper planning, careful observation, and close communication with the student body, such changes will occur."

Secretary



Kathy Miklos
Senior
Marketing
Wahington, Mo.

"I would like to do more for Southern than just attend classes. I feel Senate is an excellent way to reach the students. Many students don't realize that Senate's services are available to every student. I would like to see every student feel comfortable talking to the senators, whether it is a complaint or just a comment."

Treasurer



Jonathan Straub
Junior
Accounting
Joplin, Mo.

Being an accounting major, I feel I have learned and know the things necessary to fulfill the duties of Treasurer. My studies in accounting along with my experience in Senate allow me to feel I am the most qualified person for the position of Treasurer."



Lory St. Clair
Senior
Biology (Pre-Med)
Denver, Co.

"I have been on the finance committee since I was a freshman. As Treasurer for the last two years, I have had the privilege of working with great people on the finance committee. This year we have done a superb job in eliminating excess requests and have ended up with more money at the end of the semester. I would like the honor to serve with these individuals in this capacity again."

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JEFFREY SLATON/The Chart

Tempestuous Tuesday

Basketball player arrested for theft

By KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A purse stolen from the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center Tuesday night resulted in a Missouri Southern basketball player facing criminal charges.

Mitchell Saulsberry, sophomore undecided major, was charged yesterday in Jasper County Associate Circuit Court with Class C felony stealing. He was taken into custody by the Joplin Police Department Tuesday night after Pamela Hoofnagle, senior chemistry major, reported her purse stolen from a telephone in the BSC.

Saulsberry was transferred yesterday to the Jasper County Jail, where he is being held on \$3,500 bond.

"He will be held until he posts bond or goes to court," said Lt. Richard Schurman of the JPD.

According to a JPD report, Hoofnagle apparently left her wallet next to the phone. When she returned to retrieve the wallet, it was gone.

Hoofnagle had seen a 6-foot-6 black male with a walking cast matching Saulsberry's description behind her while she used the phone. While contacting her bank and places where she had credit cards and video cards, Hoofnagle discovered the suspect had used her Blockbuster Video card to rent a movie.

The JPD report states that while renting the movie *Terminator II* from Blockbuster, the suspect was filmed by a hidden camera. When police questioned Saulsberry at his campus residence Tuesday night, the

wallet and video were found in his possession.

It has not been determined if fraud charges also will be filed against Saulsberry by Blockbuster Video.

Schurman said Class C felony stealing can carry a penalty of two to seven years in the division of corrections, or one year in the county jail. It also can bring a \$5,000 fine.

Cpl. Jerry Holden, JPD media officer, said Saulsberry will be arraigned in the Associate Circuit Court of Jasper County within the next week. Judge Richard Copeland is expected to handle the arraignment.

Saulsberry, from Memphis, Tenn., played forward this year for the basketball Lions. Robert Corn, head coach, said he does not know how the charges will affect Saulsberry's athletic career.

"I'll have to look into it and find out all of the details," he said. "I have no comment, because I do not know all of the facts [about the incident] and I'm not prepared to make a statement."

In addition to facing felony charges, Saulsberry also faces disciplinary action from the College.

"Since he has been arrested, and he says he did do it, we will take action on it," said Doug Carnahan, director of student life. "Since it is a disciplinary case, I can't discuss the specifics."

Carnahan said Saulsberry faces campus penalties since the theft occurred on campus. He said the penalties vary.

"Depending on the seriousness of the incident, it can be either suspension or expulsion," Carnahan said.

Female student escapes attack

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Car headlights apparently halted an assault on a female student visiting the College residence halls Tuesday night.

The victim, a 20-year-old law enforcement major, was held at knifepoint by an unknown assailant in the parking lots between the tennis courts and South Hall Annex.

The attack was reported to campus security at 11:45 p.m. by Deb Gipson, head resident for South Hall.

According to a security report, the victim was found crouched beneath Gipson's window and "terrified."

The report said the victim had gone to her car to retrieve a checkbook. The assailant, described by the victim as a 6-foot, 170-pound black male, placed a knife to the victim's throat, instructed her not to scream, and threw her to the ground.

The front of the victim's sweatshirt was ripped during the attack, which ended when headlights from a passing vehicle apparently scared off the assailant, the report said.

Bill Boyer, chief of campus security, said no report has yet been filed with the Joplin Police Department.

"We did call the JPD, and to date they have been standing by

waiting to see what the girl wants to do," Boyer said.

Doug Carnahan, director of student life, said the victim did not initially want to report the attack.

"The victim did not want to file a report with the Joplin Police Department or campus security," Carnahan said.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said the attack will prompt further examination of campus safety.

"I suspect we will beef up security," Tiede said. "What I want to do is talk with the Student Senate, the Residence Hall Association, and Dr. [Glenn] Dolence (vice president for student services) about what can be done." "We want to have as safe an environment as possible."

Tiede said some new options may have to be considered.

"One thing we may address is emergency telephones," he said. "We would want to explore their necessity and possible location."

Boyer said campus security is operating with a smaller than usual staff.

"We are short one officer right now," he said. "I don't know when we will have one hired."

Tiede said the College plans to quickly fill the open security slot, caused by the resignation of Bill Clemons on March 31.

"We are going to interview soon," he said. "We hope to add a man as early as next week."

Hepatitis isolated incident, officials say

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Although hepatitis A was discovered yesterday in a child cared for at the child development center, College officials said it is an isolated incident.

"We immediately contacted the Joplin Health Department," said Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs. "The child infected has been withdrawn, and we think

we have done everything necessary to insure no further spread."

Dr. Edward Merryman, dean of the school of education and psychology, said the child had been withdrawn from the center nearly a week and a half ago for unrelated reasons. However, after the child's mother notified the center of yesterday's positive test results, the Joplin Health Department and College officials began to take precautionary measures.

"We are in the process of notifying parents that there is a chance of infection," Brown said. "We will also be making inoculations available to the children and workers."

The Joplin Health Department will provide the free inoculations at the child development center from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. tomorrow for the 60 children cared for at the

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STATEWIDE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Bill includes \$200,000 for Barn

Measure faces three more obstacles

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

With help from state lawmakers, Missouri Southern may be able to replace the Barn Theatre, destroyed by fire on Thanksgiving Day in 1990.

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) said Tuesday that \$200,000 had been included for reconstruction of the Barn in a statewide capital improvements bill.

College President Julio Leon said the money, combined with the almost \$100,000 insurance settlement and a \$300,000 unrestricted anonymous gift to the College would cover the cost of rebuilding the structure.

Singleton he expected the measure to pass.

"The state traditionally has supported efforts to replace buildings like this," Singleton said. "The way we have phrased this in the appropriations committee is that this is not a new building."

"This is simply a replacement of a building such as you would replace roofs and windows."

Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia), chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said this would not be the first time the state has helped finance replacement of a building

that burned.

"It happened in Warrensburg and it happened in Maryville," Wilson said.

The money will be included in House Bill 1018, a capital improvement bill, and probably will be heard by the appropriations committee Sunday night or Monday morning, he said.

Leon said while he is glad to see the money added to the bill, it still has a long way to go before it comes to Southern.

"The money has been added to the measure for consideration by the full Senate," Leon said. "The Senate has to approve it; then it will go to a conference committee. If it passes, it has to be approved by the governor, and he didn't recommend it in the first place, so I don't know how he'll feel."

Singleton said he is confident of the chances for getting this money approved.

"It's a delicate process," Singleton said. "We still have to go back to conference committee where it will boil down to the pull and tug of who gets what."

He said Southern's reputation in the legislature is good and will help the measure pass.

"Southern has always had the

reputation of spending money well," Singleton said. "We are turning out good students, and I think Southern's credibility factor in Jefferson City makes this an acceptable program."

Leon said the fact that Southern has most of the money already in hand also is a selling point.

"The legislature is always interested in programs with matching funds," Leon said. "The fact that it is not a large project and it really doesn't cost that much already helps us."

He said College officials and the theatre department had been discussing the configuration of the building for some time.

"We have had tentative plans since the Barn burned," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. "We had originally asked the College architect to come up with three or four scenarios. But we have no sort of basic floor plan."

Tiede said the new structure would look like a barn on the outside, but the interior would be much more modern than the 63-year-old facility that burned.

Both Tiede and Leon said they would like a theatre that would serve students and the theatre department.

"We hope to have a nice facility when we are through," Leon said. "The theatre department wanted a lot of flexibility in the structure."

IN THE EASTER SPIRIT



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Tony Flint, freshman theatre major, rented an Easter bunny costume and handed out candy to students like Donna Thomas, sophomore criminal justice major, Friday afternoon during a downpour on campus. The Joplin area has received 4.49 inches of rainfall this month, with more precipitation in the forecast.

▶ OUTSTANDING GRADUATES

Hanewinkel, Vowels get top honors

Duo attributes success to work, good organization

By SUSAN HOSKINS
STAFF WRITER

Leading Missouri Southern's class of 1992 into the future, Mary Hanewinkel and Bryan Vowels have been named the outstanding graduates.

The selection was made by the awards committee of Southern's Alumni Association after nominations by faculty members. The selection was based on their campus activities, character, leadership, and class standing.

Hanewinkel and Vowels will be honored at the 16th annual Honors Convocation at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Taylor Auditorium. Fifty-two other students will be named as outstanding in their departments.

Vowels, a economics and finance major, will begin his post-college career as a national bank examiner in the Joplin office of the Com-



Mary Hanewinkel Bryan Vowels
troller of the Currency. He served as president of the Student Senate, president of Phi Beta Lambda, vice president of Omicron Delta Kappa, and secretary of the Rotaract Club. He also was a participant in the Oxford program and an orientation leader.

"It was a great honor," Vowels said. "I never thought about being chosen. I have no problems sharing it with Mary. It is humbling because I know there are so many good students out there."

Vowels, 21, believes his parents and football coaches inspired him the most.

"My parents instilled in me the

desire to work to achieve my goals," he said. "My high school football coaches made me realize through hard work I could accomplish anything."

Vowels hopes to make a difference in the world through his career.

"I am a strong believer that one person can make a difference," he said. "Hopefully through my job I can touch more people and stay involved. I may not be able to change the world, but maybe I can make the community I live in a better place."

Hanewinkel, a communications major, graduated in December with a 4.0 grade-point average.

"[My success] is probably due to organizing my time and getting my priorities straight," she said.

Hanewinkel, 29, was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society; and Phi Eta Sigma, a freshman honor society. She was an honors student, participating in the summer study program at Oxford. She served as a student regent for the Board of Regents and was president of the Student Senate and an orientation leader.

Hanewinkel hopes to find a public

relations job in the St. Louis area, where she is from. She believes determination in locating a job will help her and her fellow graduates.

"The most important thing we need to know is not to give up," she said. "I think you can't let that (the unemployment rate) get you down."

Taking advantage of opportunities, Hanewinkel said, is the best advice she can give to freshmen.

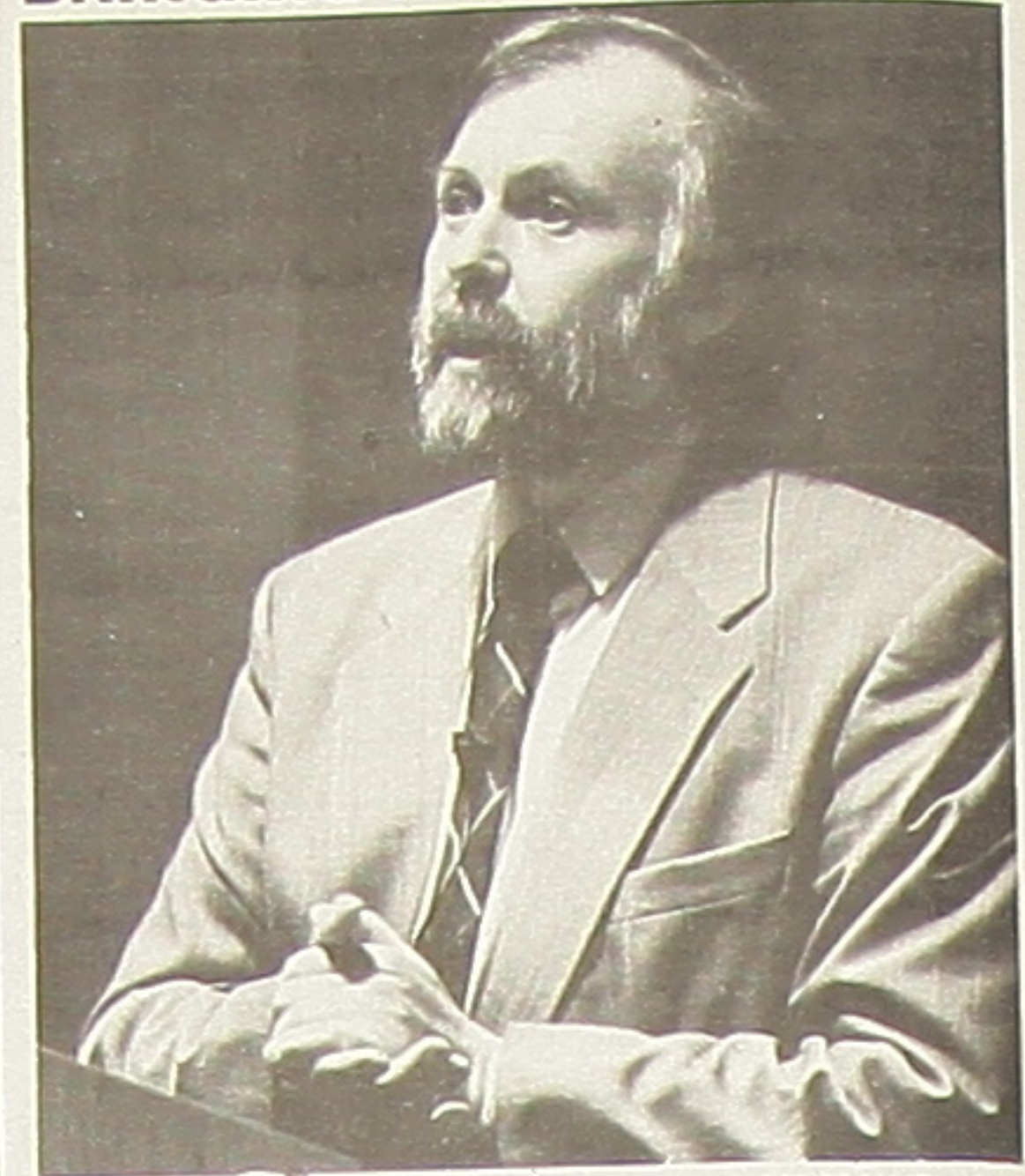
"Basically, take every opportunity you can get," she said. "The more you know about everything around you, the better off you will be. College is your time. It is your future."

College President Julio Leon, who worked with Hanewinkel as a student regent, believes she will achieve her goals.

"I think her future is very bright," he said. "She is capable. She is able to communicate and interact very well with people. Those characteristics are very important in life."

Seventy students will be named to the Missouri Iota Chapter of Alpha Chi, a national honor society, at Wednesday's Honors Convocation. A reception will follow for students and their families in Phinney Hall.

BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Mike Breakell, senior lecturer in comparative planning at Oxford University, presented a speech and slide show in Matthews Hall last week on Great Britain's historic houses and impressive castles.

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center, any member of one of those children's households who is under 3, and the center's staff and student assistants. Parents do not have to be inoculated.

Parents with children in the center are being contacted personally.

"Everyone who works there or has

had contact with the center will have to be immunized," Merryman said.

In addition to the inoculations, Merryman said the center has been forced to take some other preventive measures.

"We have had to sanitize every-

thing," he said. "All the toys they play with and anything that the children had contact with has had to be cleaned and sanitized with Clorox water."

Brown, Merryman, and Sharyl Ritschel, director of the child development center, said any effect on

the center would be negligible.

"We don't expect any change in the day-to-day operations," Brown said.

Brown added that the danger of further infection among the children and workers is minimal.

"I would like to stress this is one

isolated incident," he said. "This is the kind of thing that could happen anywhere in the region."

"I think we have done all we can. We have alerted student health services, Dr. [Glenn] Dolence (vice president for student services, and the campus physician."

Hepatitis affects the liver and is not fatal, but can cause nausea, cramps, vomiting, diarrhea, and in the late stages jaundice. The illness lasts about two weeks. Young children carrying the illness may not exhibit symptoms, however.

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► SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Symposium on tap Wednesday

Discussion to focus on Soviet Union

By P.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

By gearing an internationally themed symposium, the social science department hopes to supplement common knowledge of foreign topics.

"We want to fill in some of the things you don't read in news reports," said Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology and the symposium's coordinator. "It will reach out and touch us in this College."

The "Second International Symposium: The Demise of the Soviet Union" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Matthews Hall auditorium. The symposium, open to the public, will begin with three Southern faculty members.

Dr. Sara Sale, assistant professor of social science, will present the geographies of the old Soviet Union. Dr. Paul Teverow, associate professor of history, will follow with the

USSR's origins starting at the Russian Revolution. Dr. Donald Youst, assistant professor of political science, will present the incongruities between the Communist Party's constitution and the Articles of Confederation of the Soviet Union.

"One is mutually dependent on the other," Gubera said, concerning Youst's subject. "So if one failed, it seems logical the other one will disintegrate. Theirs (Articles) are hinged on the success of the Communist Party."

Following the faculty members, two guest speakers will be given approximately 45 minutes apiece to speak. Dr. Edward Strong, the 1982 Missouri Southern Outstanding Alumnus, will begin as the new president of Culver-Stockton in July. "He's been a consultant to NATO," Gubera said. "He's lectured on it a number of times."

The second guest speaker is William Van Cleave, department head of

defense and strategic studies at Southwest Missouri State University. As well as having dozens of articles published, Van Cleave keeps international contacts.

"He's a consultant to [Russian President] Boris Yeltsin," Gubera said. "He goes over there 10 to 12 times a year."

"He may say things that may take you out of your seat."

The symposium is held every two years. Gubera said the first symposium, which was two days long, cost between \$500 and \$600. However, he said the 1990 symposium was promising.

"We probably serviced about 600 people," he said. "Since it was our initial effort, we didn't push it as much in the community as we did this time."

The 1992 symposium is being sponsored by a private donation. This symposium's topic is a continuation of the 1990 topic, "Fall of the Wall."

PIANO PATER



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Vivian Leon talks with Sharon and Lon Gibson, Springdale, Ark., yesterday during a reception at the International Piano Competition. Their daughter, Cherish, is one of five honors audition finalists.

7 vying
for 4 posts
on SenateBy KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Students had the opportunity last night to question seven candidates for Student Senate executive offices.

However, only 11 students, including nine senators, attended the discussion panel after the Senate's regular meeting. Elections will be held Monday and Tuesday.

"I know the campus very well," said Larry Seneker, the only candidate for president. "I've been in-

involved in leadership positions for a long time.

"I really know the constitution well now. I think I can do the best job."

Being the only candidate for president leaves little room for choice among students.

"It is a disappointment for me," said the junior computer science major. "As for being a fair option for students—no, it is not a fair option. Students should have a choice."

Three students are competing for vice president: Cami Davey, junior

psychology major; Brian Rash, sophomore secondary music major; and Paul Hendrickson, junior marketing and management major.

"With the new changes in the duties for vice president, it is going to take a lot of time," Hendrickson said. "I think I will be able to fill the position."

If constitutional changes are adopted, the vice president would preside as the head of all Senate committee chairpersons. The vice president also would sit as chair of the Senate judicial committee.

Davey said experience gained from serving on various Senate committees would enable her to fill the post.

Rash said the leadership skills he gained during the past two years in various campus organizations would help him serve effectively.

Kathy Miklos, the only candidate for secretary, said she is prepared for the job.

"I have an idea what the students want [from Senate]," she said. "I would like to be a part of helping get [the changes] accomplished."

Lory St. Clair, senior biology major, and Jonathan Straub, junior accounting major, are competing for the position of treasurer.

"I've been on Senate for just one year, but I feel like I've really been involved," Straub said. "I feel like I'm the best qualified."

"I feel with my accounting major I will be able to fulfill all of the constitutional requirements."

St. Clair said her experience on the Senate finance committee and her two years as Senate treasurer have given her the ability to continue to fill the position.

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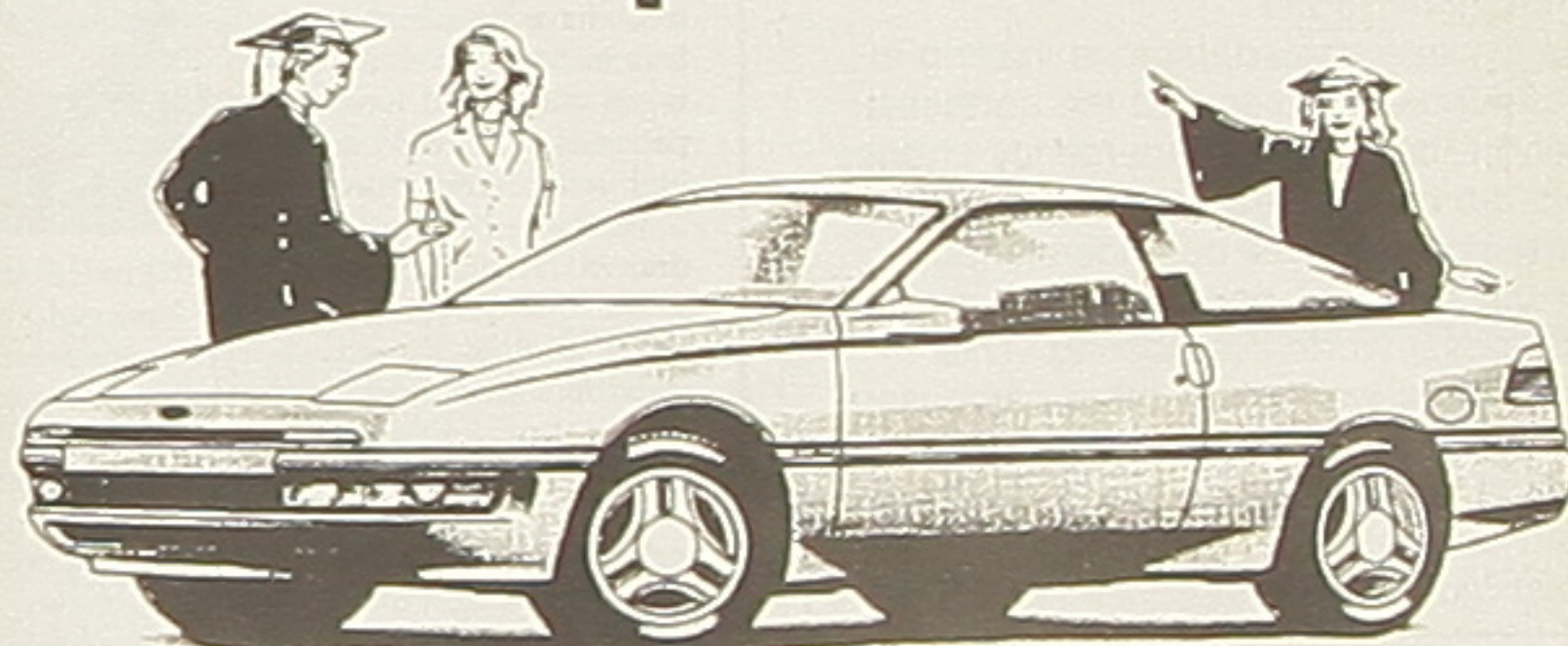
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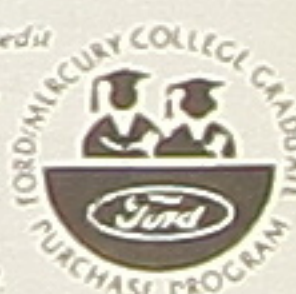
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OUR EDITORIALS

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Choice needed

Where is the choice? In next week's election for Student Senate president, voters will have a choice between Larry Seneker and Larry Seneker. What kind of democratic race is that?

Not that Seneker is unqualified for the job, but even he has said he is sorry he is running unopposed. Seneker realizes the importance a choice plays in the democratic process. He understands the ominous signal this sends that apathy continues to pervade student life here. Such an attitude will make his job rough, indeed.

Last night, students had the opportunity to question all the candidates for Student Senate executive offices. In the true spirit of indifference that has come to characterize elections at Southern, only 11 students showed up. Of those 11, nine were student senators, one was a senator's girlfriend, and one was a *Chart* reporter.

The problem is obvious. The solutions are elusive.

The students who do not vote in the Student Senate elections have sent a message that the work of the Senate is of little interest to them. This attitude and apathy is short sighted and self defeating.

The Senate, by imposing stricter and stricter requirements on those seeking office, may have locked out a portion of the College community. It has become something of an exclusive club, where incumbency is king and democracy is dying.

Perhaps the time has come to open up the elections to anyone who wishes to run. Perhaps it is time to take a few minutes to vote in respectable numbers for the people doling out the student activity fees.

Time to act

Our luck ran out. After a robbery and a murder in our own backyard, it was only a matter of time before the bogeyman visited the campus.

In one Tuesday evening this week, a wallet was stolen in the Billingsly Student Center and, more seriously, a 20-year-old female student was assaulted by a man wielding a knife.

It is time to put excuses and explanations behind us and do something. College officials have been exploring various measures to improve the safety of students. Now it is time to act.

The College should improve lighting in the residence hall area and the northeast section of the campus, emergency phones should be made a reality, and campus security should never be understaffed.

For the students' part, an escort program is a proposal worth considering. This approach has worked on other campuses, and it appears it is now needed here.

For too long we have said "It can't happen to us."

It just did.



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Demand more issues and less artwork

By P.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

There comes a time when a person can become angry at her own, and such a time has come for me.

The coverage given by the media to the presidential campaigning is becoming a sickening experience.

Whatever happened to informing the public? Currently the papers, radio, and television stations give plenty of time to the personal lives of all the Democratic candidates and every mistake and slip of the tongue of President Bush.

Personally, I do not care about Gennifer Flowers and Bill Clinton's reported "affair." Even if it is true, how many men and women in this country have done the same? Though I might personally disagree with such an act, from the way I have heard most men on campus talk, Clinton should be a hero because of the rumors rather than being accused of a wrong doing.

Aside from that, does having an affair mean he would be a bad president? In recent years, the media have presented stories concerning affairs the late

President Kennedy reportedly had with Marilyn Monroe. There even have been rumors saying our first president died of pneumonia after riding, in less than adequate clothing, from a neighbor's home when this neighbor's husband was not home.

Still, we respect these guys. And many believe they were very good presidents. So why do we worry with rumors and scandals of the current presidential candidates? After all, I would think we have other professionals whose personal lives we should worry about more right in our own community.

Take dentists for example. Do we ask our dentists if they ever did drugs? Yet, these are the people who drill holes in our heads. And how about doctors? They have the balance of life and death in their hands, yet do we ask them how their personal life is? And consider a divorce lawyer. Ever ask one of them if they have had an extra-marital affair?

No, we don't. Yet many of these professionals can more directly affect us than the President can, and we are able to do more to change these professionals' habits versus the President's.

Instead of the latest scandal, should we not be more interested in what they want to do for this country? I care far more about what Jerry Brown wants to do for the economy than the fact there will be no first lady if he is elected.

And I want to know what Clinton thinks about our education system rather than any drug use he com-

mitted when he was in college. Sure, it was ignorant, but why else are we in college if it is not to rid ourselves of ignorance?

And what about Bush's plan for the military and foreign politics? Is he planning to bring some of his attentions home or is he going to continue shipping himself and James Baker all over the globe?

Let's consider H. Ross Perot for a while. How often does the media say anything about him except that he is very unlikely to win as an independent? Oh, sorry, I do remember hearing he might take approximately 10 percent of the Republican votes from Bush. And what is David Duke's stance on prejudice and minorities? (Sorry, I couldn't refuse that one.)

The truly sad part of this situation is it is not simply a national level problem. It exists in our communities, too. Think about it. How often do you really know anything about the students running for Student Senate before you vote for them? Admittedly, you see their posters plastered all over the hallways before the election. But all that really implies is this absurd theory of "May the best artist win."

Thomas Jefferson believed in an informed voting public during times when only the privileged had enough schooling to be considered informed. Yet at a time when information is ready at a glance to almost everyone in this country, we seem to be the dumbest group of voters ever.

IN PERSPECTIVE

Successes shine in the faces of the kids

By KELLY BINNS
DIRECTOR, HAMMONS MENTOR PROGRAM

The Hammons Program is completing its first year, and I've been very pleased with the results. For those who are not familiar with the program, I'll give you a brief sketch. John Q. Hammons donated funds to MSSC for the development of scholarships for minority and disadvantaged children in the Joplin School District. The children were nominated by the Joplin School District to participate. The criteria: they must have financial need, be a minority or disadvantaged child, and have the potential to succeed through high school and college.

We started with 45 children in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. According to the 1988 ESC report for the National Forum on Youth at Risk, these years represent several major transitions for our youth—from elementary to middle school, from childhood to adolescence, and from parent-centered to peer-centered worlds. These years are crucial in determining whether they will become a statistic. Today as many as 30 percent of our nation's youth are thought to be "at-risk" in some way—at risk of failing to get the education and skill they need to

become productive adults, adults who will be personally happy and successful.

The Hammons Program focuses on their potential to succeed. The program has three components. First, we work with their academics, primarily through after-school study sessions in most of the schools. We are trying to prepare them early for the college preparatory course they will have to take in order to receive a scholarship. We concentrate on their deficit subjects and are enhancing the areas they are excelling in. Secondly, we have established a mentoring program to work on the child's self-esteem. The "kids" are matched one-on-one with a college student, similar to the Big Brother/Big Sister program. The "kids" have their own I.D. cards to get them into the activities on campus. Many of them are already familiar with the campus and no longer fear it. Most of the children are from single-parent households, and having extra attention has made a significant difference in their belief in themselves and it has carried over into their academic performance. Mentors are asked to spend at least three hours a week with their "kid."

A strong home front is the third component. It is paramount that the home environment is conducive to learning. The "kids" and their parent(s) have made a long-term commitment, 7-8 years, to put forth the effort to succeed in this program. Last semester, we conducted an "Active Parenting Seminar" which dealt with communication skills, teaching their child to respect them, building their child's self-esteem, discipline methods that work, and teaching their child

responsibility. This program was very successful and it left the parents knowing they were doing a lot of things right. We are looking forward to additional meetings next semester to continue exploring issues that are important to them.

A program of this magnitude cannot excel without the many people who have contributed their time and talents. This year's mentors were the trail blazers, and I know they can see their time and efforts were worth it when they look into the eyes of their "kid." The education department and their students were instrumental in our tutoring sessions. Exercising what they have learned in their classrooms to help these kids get an edge academically. Our Greek organizations provided babysitting for the parents who attended our "Active Parenting Seminar." Without their assistance the parents would not have been able to attend, and I think it was quite the experience for them. I know I have some great memories of them interacting with children from 6 months to 12 years of age. Paulette Martin, student director to the mentor program, has given of herself beyond the call of duty. The Joplin School District has been extremely helpful in allowing our students in their classrooms, lunch rooms, and with our after-school study sessions. Southern's administration is enthusiastic and has lent their support in our mission.

As you can see, there are many ways to get involved, and if you are interested come see me. The reward is knowing you've made a difference in a young person's life.

Activities lack 'Chart' support

On Friday evening, 4/17/92, the Psychology Club and the Preprofessional Club, along with a community mental health clinic, sponsored a free workshop on Multiple Personality Disorder. The workshop was a significant event for this campus and a good contribution to campus-town relationships.

Where were *Chart* staff during this event? Absent! Where was advance *Chart* coverage? Missing! *The Chart* ignored a

presentation sponsored by two campus organizations but did a full-page feature on another type of mental disorder—ADHD the day before the workshop. I would like to see more support from *The Chart* for activities on campus, especially ones of this quality.

Roger Paige, Ph.D.
Psychology Department

Cartoon sends wrong message

Your editorial "cartoon" on page 4 of the April 9, 1992, *Chart* is poorly chosen at best and absolutely contraproduative [sic] at worst. It is virtually impossible to be infected with AIDS by giving blood. To do so would require: (1) The nurse (technically a phlebotomist) would have to be infected; (2) She would have to injure herself (perhaps by sticking herself with the needle); (3) She would then have to rub a person's open wound with the bleeding finger, or perhaps insert the finger in some orifice.

You do our nation a distinct disservice when you suggest that a person is likely to contract AIDS while donating blood. At present, only 2 or 3 percent of the adults in our country are willing to donate some precious life-saving blood.

Your cartoon surely did not enhance these statistics.

As you know, it is possible to obtain AIDS by receiving a transfusion from a person with AIDS. However, far and away the largest numbers of AIDS transmissions are the result of sodomy, "straight" sex, and dirty needles. Perhaps you should have drawn a sketch of one of these activities since avoiding them would clearly reduce the transmission of AIDS.

Duane Eberhardt
Professor of economics

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[Editor's note: We believe the cartoon's message, "Get informed kid!!!," does not suggest that a person is likely to contract AIDS while donating blood. We intended to convey quite the opposite message.]

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▶ FRANCE

Walt Disney expands into foreign territories



EuroDisney

Mickey Mouse's European vacation

Euro Disney Resort opens April 12 just east of Paris. The complex includes Euro Disneyland, featuring the many European fairy tale characters Walt Disney popularized in films such as Pinocchio, Cinderella, Snow White and Peter Pan.



Twice the number of visitors expected at Euro Disney rather than Eiffel Tower

THE ECONOMIST ▶

The French talk anxiously about a "cultural Chernobyl." Yet they are already queuing up to visit the most potent symbol of American culture, installed right next to the French capital.

Euro Disneyland opened to the public on April 12 (after a two-week preview to selected visitors), with essentially the same array of attractions as in the three other Disney fun parks in California, Florida, and Japan.

Euro Disney's organizers hope to attract 11 million visitors a year (more than twice the number that visit the Eiffel Tower). Half are expected to be French.

At a UNESCO conference in Mexico ten years ago, Jack Lang, the French culture minister, attacked "certain great nations" which "have no other morality than that of profit, and seek to impose a uniform culture on the whole world."

This, he said, was a form of financial and intellectual imperialism. A year later, when the search was on for a site for the planned new Euro Disneyland, France did little to ward off the supposed threat.

Indeed, it bent over backwards to attract the FF22 billion (\$4 billion) investment and its promised 12,000 new jobs.

Euro Disney's operators were handed a 2,000-hectare (5,000-acre) greenfield site east of Paris for a derisory FF11 per square meter.

The state-owned Caisse des Depots et Consignations provided a FF4.4 billion loan at an interest rate two points below the normal bank lending rate.

The French government undertook to foot the entire bill of some FF45

billion for extending the suburban metro right up to Euro Disneyland's front gates, and for rerouting the high-speed train line to provide the park with its very own TGV station.

Even the value-added tax on the entry tickets was reduced in France's attempt to clinch the deal.

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decorated Sylvester Stallone, alias Rambo, with the French Order of Arts and Letters), the ordinary Frenchman likes American mass culture.

American films now account for 60 percent of ticket sales in French cinemas—twice the proportions a decade ago. American pop music dominates French record sales.

French television would likewise be swamped with American productions if the government had not im-

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Euro Disneyland nevertheless remains unashamedly "all-American." That is its main attraction.

Despite what French intellectuals like Jack Lang say (and he seems to be changing his views—he recently

posed quotas requiring at least 60 percent of television films to be of European origin (of which at least 40 percent must be French).

Theme parks have been attempted before in France, but nearly all have failed—The Schtroumpfs, Mirapolis, Cousteau's Oceanic Park.

Euro Disney is nevertheless confident that with its superior investment, professionalism, and French government assistance, it can succeed. If not, it is more likely to be the fault of the weather than any French cultural chauvinism. The queues are constant, and no one likes to stand around in the cold and rain.

▶ GLOBAL VIEWS

Peace Walk into Soviet Union makes past enemies friends

By JANET GIBB KUMBIER
INSTRUCTOR, FRENCH AND RUSSIAN

Over the past five years, I have worked with organizations whose goals have included Soviet-American peace making initiatives. The work began in 1988 when I traveled to Ukraine for a five-week Peace Walk from Odessa, a port city on the Black Sea, to Kiev, the capital of the Republic.



This camping trek across Ukraine

was organized by International Peace Walks, a California-based organization. They gathered 200 Americans representing a broad cross-section of our population with 200 Soviets representing the 15 Soviet Republics. We camped and walked across rural Ukraine visiting schools, summer camps, churches, factories, hospitals, collective farms, museums, and private homes. We stayed in village homes and sampled rural Ukrainian life at its best.

In 1990, seven other Joplin residents took similar peace making journeys. One group walked in Russia traveling from Moscow to Zagorsk, the spiritual capital of the Russian Orthodox Church. They then traveled north to

Arkhangelsk, a port city on the White Sea. Their journey focused on the rebirth of the of the Russian Orthodox Church in the era of Glasnost and on the cultural life of Russians living near the Arctic Circle. The other group traveled to Kazakhstan, where they walked along parts of the ancient Silk Road, touching the borders of Mongolia and visiting villages set in the shadows of the Soviet above-ground nuclear test sites.

Those of us who chose to become peace walkers have repeatedly shared anecdotes of poignant, amusing, illuminating or terrifying moments in our journeys.

There is the walker who injured

her ankle in the early days of the trip. She experienced her Peace Walk on the shoulders of young Russian and Kazakh men who couldn't stand to watch her struggle on the crude crutches provided by the rural hospital that treated her.

She returned with recollections of warm relationships filled with care and compassion. She also returned with terrifying memories of village children scarred by the birth defects which have become quite ordinary in a region contaminated by above-ground nuclear testing.

There is another walker who likes to recall the evening she was escorted from house to house in an Arctic village on a spontaneous progressive

dinner. Her young Russian companions had discovered that she could speak a little Russian. They took her from door to door and introduced her as their new American friend who was learning Russian. The game they invented involved naming a food she would like to eat. If the host could provide it, she became their guest for awhile. The evening ended with her request for dessert. All she could remember was the word for "strawberries". At the next few homes she visited, she was welcomed with laughter when they heard her request for strawberries in the Arctic spring. Word quickly spread about the American girl with a taste for strawberries and soon peo-

ple were seeking her out with preserves and warm welcomes. This same young woman still finds it difficult to discuss her experiences in Russian Orthodox Churches without tears in her eyes or a crack in her voice. She speaks of profound spiritual experiences shared with old Russian women and their very young grandchildren who lead her by candlelight to pray for peace before the icons.

My memories include an afternoon spent in a village recently constructed for the relocation of Chernobyl residents. I sat at the kitchen

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▶ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dean's list not easy to make

I agree with President Leon and Vice President Brown. The current qualifications for the Dean's list are adequate. It is not easy to make a 3.75 GPA while carrying 12 or more hours. A student, to make the Dean's list, can have three hours of B if they complete 12 to 15 hours, four hours of B or two hours of C if they complete 16 to 19 hours, and five hours of B or two hours of C if they complete 20 or more hours.

What amazes me is that 14 percent of the full-time student body can do one of the things mentioned above. Many students work 20 to 40 hours a week above and beyond the 30 to 40

hours a week spent in the classroom and doing homework.

I wonder if anyone on *The Chart's* editorial staff made the list. I know they do a lot of work to get *The Chart* out weekly. If any of them did, congratulations. It's not easy to work 20 hours a week to put a newspaper out and achieve a 3.75 GPA. If none of them did, maybe that explains why they are so negative about the Dean's list.

Curtis Hamilton
Freshman mathematics major

Right of way is pedestrian's

Did you know that it is against the law not to stop at a crosswalk? That means pedestrians—not cars—have the right of way at a crosswalk.

OK, here's the situation: I am a few minutes late for class, so I have to park in the stadium parking lot and walk to Hearnes Hall. But there is one impediment that I may not overcome: Duquesne Road, and crossing at the crosswalk.

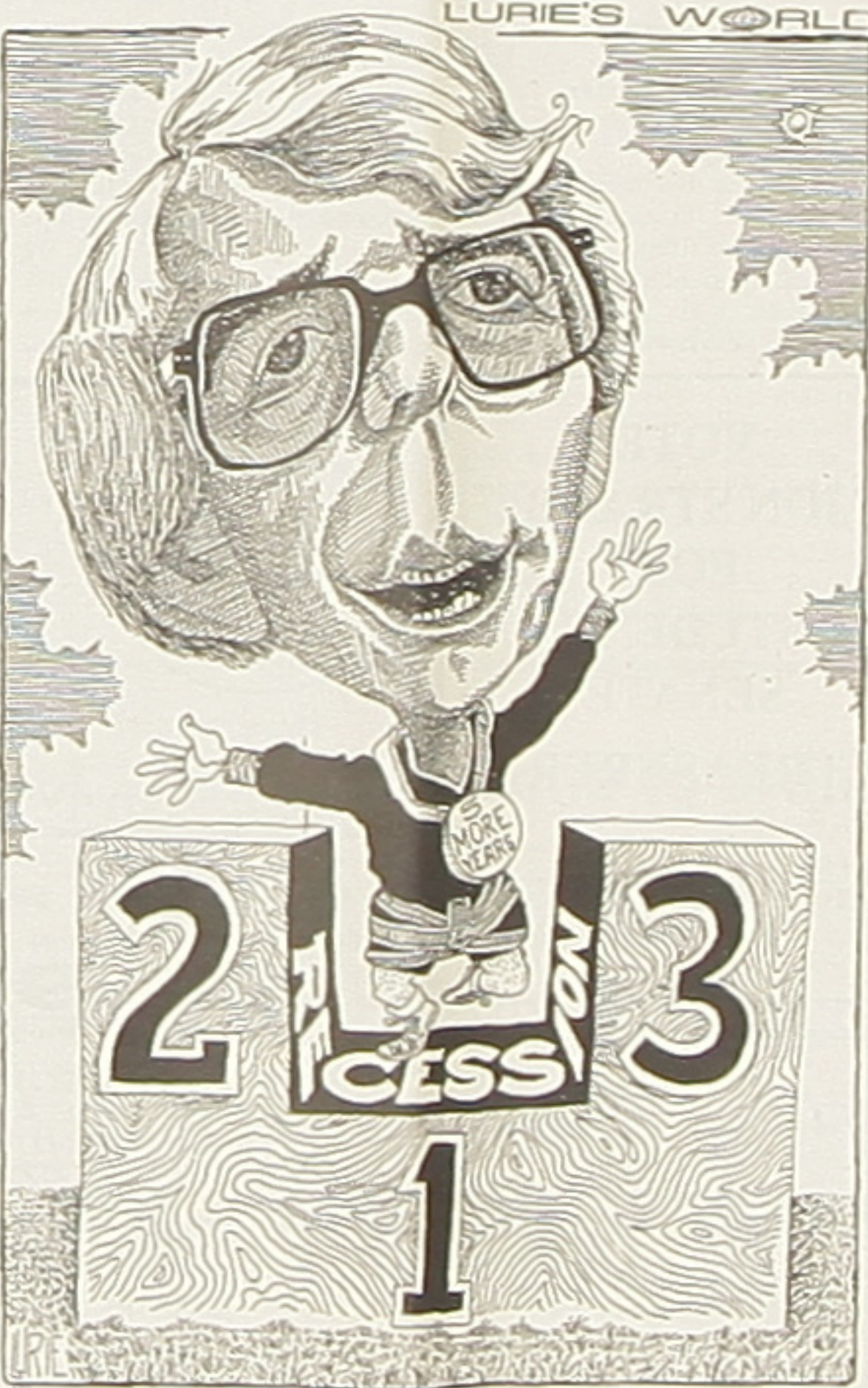
I look to make sure there are not any maniacal people trying to break the speed of light coming up the hill to run me down. It is clear in all directions.

But then I notice a guy (let's hope not you) waiting to come onto the road from the campus driveway. But I step into the street confident I will

be safe. Wait; fear then grips my small body as this uneducated guy notices there is no traffic so he then floors his car—straight toward me! My body tenses, and I begin to run to avoid eating his fender. He misses me by inches, and doesn't notice me until I scream Ahhhhhhhhh! By then he is down the road and I am left there in a pool of sweat.

I am a victim, like many of you who are relentlessly ignored at crosswalks. So next time, even if you are in a hurry, slow down and don't run me down or you'll make me eat fender casserole for lunch.

Shannon Beckham
Sophomore communications major



John Major: winner of British elections

▶ ENGLAND

Unnecessary issues cloud Britain's electoral process

THE ECONOMIST ▶

Until its last few days, the election was rather like a dinner table conversation dominated by two acrimonious bones. Then some of the other guests, at last losing patience with the endless one-upmanship over income tax, the economy, and the national health service, began to raise their voices and bang their fists on the table.

Given the chance to interrupt by ITV's *World in Action* program, voters became downright rude. John Major, retiring behind the new smile that makes him look like a rabbit frozen in the headlights, was hissed for refusing to apologize for the poll tax. Neil Kinnock, questioned about proportional representations, sank deep into the bog of one of those sentences that he usually manages to avoid these days, and was told to "answer yes or no in English, not Chinese."

Paddy Ashdown managed to take control of the campaign for several days. As his party crept stealthily upwards in the polls, he ambushed his opponents and briefly obliged them to start talking about the subjects he is interested in.

When the other parties got on to the business of PR, it was easy to see why they had been trying to avoid

it. Kinnock's attempts to talk about it provided Chris Patten and Michael Heseltine, with the material for a skit which, for the first time in the campaign, dispelled the gloom of the journalists covering their press conferences. Kenneth Baker offered his personal comic touch, trying to persuade the good citizens of Stroud that they would be making a pact with the devil if they let in the party that supported PR (a system espoused by most of the democratic world). Perhaps there is something funny about Ashdown's eyes, after all.

Then Scotland raised its head. Journalists, mesmerized by innumerable rainy photo-opportunities and the endless trivialities of the debate so far, were astounded, three days before polling to find the prime minister addressing—in a voice as close to passion as his clipped monotone can reach—the matter of constitutional reform.

By the last day of the campaign, the party managers had brought it back to heel: the health service, the economy, and taxation. But Major's final rally contained a surprise reference to a previously undisclosed history of vagrancy: "I have," he said, "lived life in many stations." Was it a last-minute ploy to grab the E-class vote? Or was it about solidarity with British Rail commuters? We may never know.

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23 TODAY

Primary elections for Student Senate executive officers will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and tomorrow in the east stairwell of the BSC.

Omicron Delta Kappa meets from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Room 310 of the BSC.

The CAB appreciation banquet starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Connor Ballroom.

The track and field team competes in the MIAA championships at Pittsburg State University.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets at 7 p.m. in the BSC second-floor lounge.

24 TOMORROW

Today is the deadline for turning in nominations for the Outstanding Teacher Awards. Forms should be placed in campus services mailbox 110 in Hearn Hall Room 106.

The tennis team competes in the MIAA championships at St. Joseph.

26 SUNDAY

Lambda Beta Phi gathers from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

Kappa Alpha meets at 6:30 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

Sigma Pi meets at 7:30 p.m. in Room 314 of the BSC.

27 MONDAY

Final elections for Student Senate executive officers will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and tomorrow in the east stairwell of the BSC.

Four seniors present their honors colloquium beginning at 2:15 p.m. in Matthews Hall auditorium.

The academic policies committee convenes at 3 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC.

The Greek Council gathers at 4 p.m. in BSC Room 311.

A country-western show to benefit College View State School begins at 8 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium.

Sigma Nu gathers at 5 p.m. in Room 313 of the BSC.

The golf team competes today and tomorrow at the MIAA championships at Tan-Tar-A resort in Osage Beach.

28 TUESDAY

The BSU holds a meeting at 11 a.m. in BSC Room 311.

LDSSA gathers at noon in Room 313 of the BSC.

The Newman Club meets at noon in Room 306 of the BSC.

The College Republicans gathers at 12:15 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

Four seniors present their honors colloquium beginning at 2:15 p.m. in Matthews Hall auditorium.

A reception to honor tutor George White begins at 3 p.m. in the Learning Center.

Kolonia meets at 7 p.m. at College Heights Christian Church on Newman Road.

29 WEDNESDAY

The Honors Convocation begins at 11 a.m. in Taylor Auditorium.

Bob Evans' Restaurants interviews for an assistant manager. Sign up in Room 207 of the BSC.

Five seniors present their honors colloquium beginning at 1:15 p.m. in Matthews Hall auditorium.

Southern Theatre reads original scripts at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium.

LEADERSHIP/SERVICE RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY

Seniors to be recognized for achievement

Nomination deadline set for today

By LESLIE KARR
STAFF WRITER

Recognizing seniors who have made contributions to Missouri Southern is the goal of a new assembly on campus.

This is the first year for the Student Services Leadership/Service Recognition Assembly sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa, the Student Senate, and student services.

"We want to recognize the people who have served the College," said Doretta Lovland, senior English education major. "There are people who dedicate hours for college service and get no recognition. These people have given their time and service, but in the past would have

gotten no recognition.

"They deserve a pat on their back to tell them, 'Thank you; we recognize your contribution.'"

The all-campus assembly will be held at 12:15 p.m. Monday, May 4 in the BSC Connor Ballroom.

There are not specific categories set up for the different awards to be given, but tentative guidelines include those in student employment, student media, campus organizations, athletics, and student services.

Seniors who have received specific awards from campus organizations throughout the year will have a chance to be honored, too. The assembly possibly may honor faculty or staff members, too.

"This assembly is something we've

been thinking about for a while," said Doug Carnahan, director of student life. "Many organizations recognize members in their own group, but people outside of the clubs are unaware of these awards."

"This assembly will give all-campus recognition for the club awards besides allowing other campus-involved seniors to be honored for their work."

In the past, the only senior recognition awards came via the Honors Convocation.

"The Student Services Leadership/Service Recognition awards are in no way in competition with the Honors Convocation," Carnahan said. "We think the honors award is very important. On the other hand, we've felt for several years that we need to recognize the people who are

involved in the College in other ways."

Students have mixed views about the recognition assembly.

"I think the recognition is a good idea," said Mandy Haag, sophomore general business major. "You can still be a good leader and important to the College without good grades."

Although some students think the awards are a good idea, some are unsure.

"The award can be good and bad," said Brad Barton, senior psychology major. "The good part is it gives recognition to students who dedicate themselves."

"The bad side is if only a certain population knows about the contest it would be invalidated. One thing I'd do differently is not discriminate between grades and leadership. It

should be brought together."

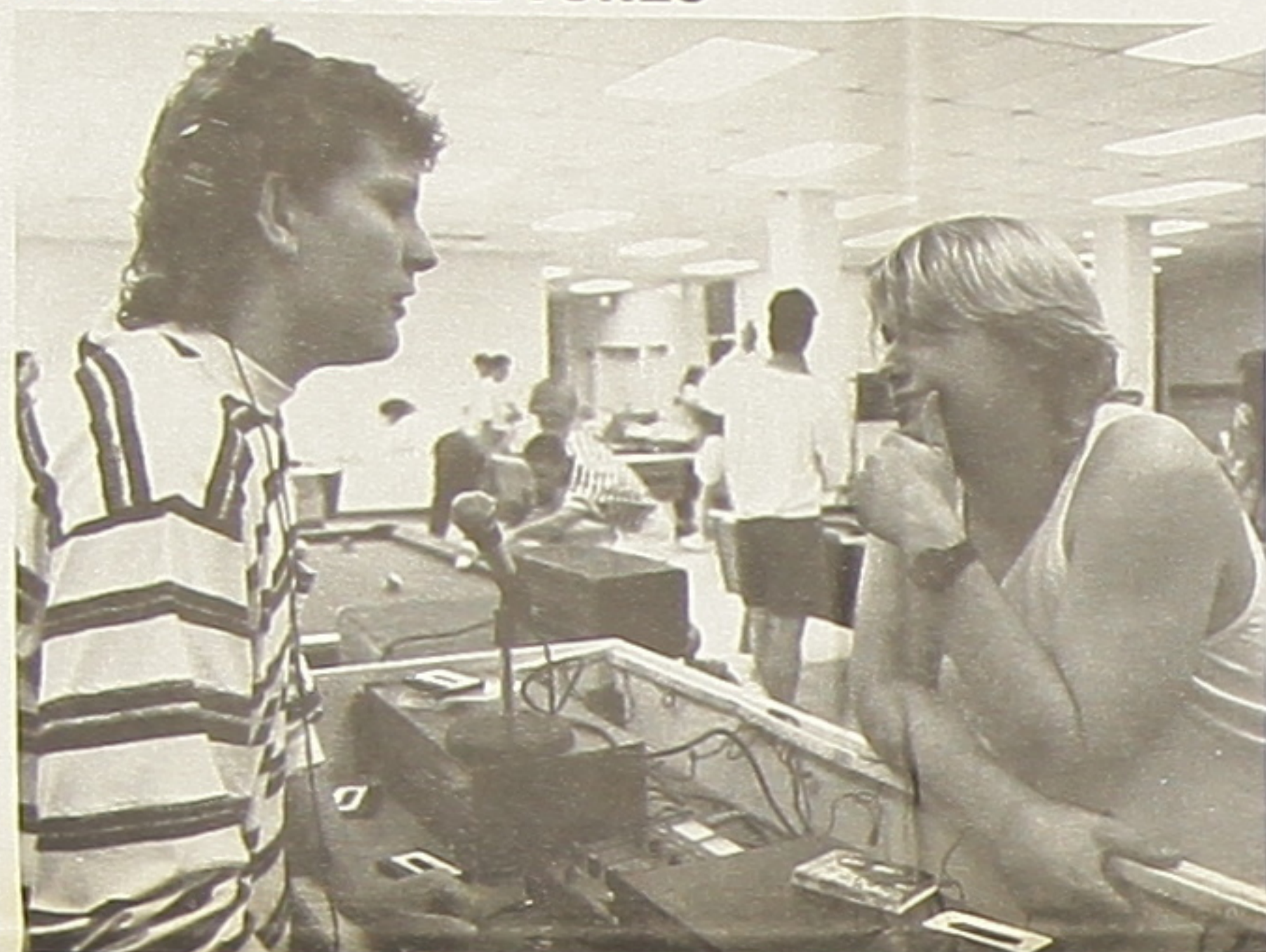
Some students even have specific seniors they believe should be recognized at the assembly.

"I think Mark Baker should be recognized because of the role he plays on the baseball team," said Todd Casper, junior mathematics major. "He's a good student, and he's not the kind of guy who needs to go out and party every night to have a good time. He's an excellent ambassador for the College."

The only requirement for award nominees is to have no fewer than 90 hours with a minimum grade-point average of 2.0.

Nomination forms can be picked up in the student services office on the second floor of the BSC. The forms must be turned in by 5 p.m. today.

DISHIN' OUT THE TUNES



Corey Burton, sophomore computer information science major, makes a song request from Tony House, KIX 94 FM disc jockey, Thursday in the Lions' Den during last week's Spring Fling celebration.

BURNOUT

End of semester harbors stress

Burnout: physical or emotional exhaustion from long-term stress.

Some Missouri Southern students experience burnout during the spring semester. In an informal poll of 30 students, 28 claim to experience it.

"All of the teachers think that their class is the only one that matters, and they pile on the homework without any regards to any other homework we have," complained Chad Goswick, sophomore communication major.

Vicki Webb, junior general business major, said the nice weather causes her burnout.

"I would rather be outside than sitting in a warm classroom," she said.

"I have physics at 8 every morning, and I'm not a morning person," said Laura Rowan, sophomore English major.

While many Southern students are experiencing burnout, Amber

Munson, senior sociology major, admits that burnout isn't a problem for her.

"I never go to class, so it's hard to get burned out," she said with a laugh.

Some students said spring break is a good way to relieve exhaustion brought on by the semester.

"I like having spring break because it breaks up the monotony of having to go to school every day," Webb said.

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table across from the 90-year-old grandmother of the family. She listened intently while others told her story. She came into adulthood under the Czars, she lived through the revolution. She lost her parents to one war, her husband to the next, and her sons to the next. Like many of her generation, there were only women remaining in the home. I wondered what that grandmother

thought of this energetic and boisterous group of Americans who had gathered around her kitchen table to enjoy her food and discuss our mutual desire for peace.

I know that the hours spent in that kitchen brought together generations of Ukrainian women who had experienced little peace in their land with generations of Americans who knew nothing about

the hardships of wars fought in their own back yards. I know that her story and her face are indelibly fixed in my mind.

I doubt any of us who embarked on these Peace Walks could have predicted how profoundly we would be changed by the experience. We have all shared for a fleeting moment the joy and the sorrow of those we once called enemy and now call

friend.

Last week I tried to phone the International Peace Walk's office in California. I was sad to learn that they were no longer in business. There is no forwarding address and no new telephone listing. It must be hard to sustain programs promoting international peace in times when we feel no threat of war. I am grieving the loss of this organization. It

offered many Americans the opportunity to visit remote parts of the Soviet Union at a critical juncture in history. But more importantly, it offered us the opportunity to reexamine our lives, our values, and our role in the global community. I'm grateful for all they gave me and even more grateful for the promise of a more peaceful future which is the fruit of their labors.

STAFF ASSISTANTS/RESIDENT DIRECTOR

Residence halls see new faces next year

New and returning residence hall staff assistants selected for next year will be accompanied by another new addition to the residence hall staff.

Lamonte Blanford, senior criminal justice major, will replace Dan Fowler as North Hall area resident director after graduating this May.

Lamonte was captain and the most valuable player on the 1990 Lion football team and served as an assistant coach to the team in 1991. He has gained experience working in the residence halls as a staff assistant the past two years.

Responsibilities for the position

include general supervision, counseling, and programming for three residence halls. Blanford will be advisor to the Residence Hall Association and supervise 10 staff assistants.

Blanford will be followed by 18 students selected to work as staff assistants. SAs for next year include James Baldwin, Donnie Bennett, Erin Berry, Kellie Bowman, Stacy Brown, Jami Bruton, Jason Dill, Karen Jacobs, Doretta Lovland, Troy McCubbin, Doug Martin, Trace Maxwell, Ron Mitchell, Jake Nikolic, Brian Rash, Larry Seneker, David Stretch, and Kristull Williams.

Students present ideas at computer lectures

Upcoming lectures hosted by the Data Processing Management Association include "Computer Animation" and "Virtual Reality."

Computer information science majors are required to take Computer Colloquium, a one-credit class designed to give students the opportunity to make and attend presentations on computer topics of current and special interest.

These topics are researched and organized by the student presenters, who make use of the best software and media tools available. Area computer professionals and faculty are invited to present special topics, too.

"It's (the lectures) nothing out of the ordinary," said Lyle Mays, assistant professor of computer science. "It's a way for students to

present their ideas to other students."

Michael Tash presented his program, Computer Ethics, Monday, and Melissa Lewis talked about database systems yesterday. Crystal Woodward will give her presentation, Virtual Reality, at noon on Friday, May 1, in Room 207 of Matthews Hall.

"I picked the subject back in January when no one had heard about it," Woodward said. "Lately, more and more has been coming out about it. In fact, there was a show about it on television the other night."

"It (Virtual Reality) immerses people into a 3-D world."

Stephen Kelly will present his theory of computer animation at noon on Wednesday, April 29 in Matthews Hall.



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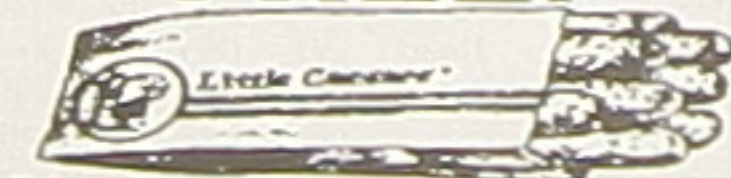
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Young Ambassadors: a presentation of Brigham Young University; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2; Taylor Auditorium; free admission to students and children

International Piano Competition: today through Saturday; Taylor Auditorium; admission varies for each event; 417-625-9320

Community Band Concert: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14; Taylor Auditorium

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Ricky Van Shelton: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7; Memorial Hall; 417-623-3254

Karaoke: every Tuesday and Thursday; Champs; 516 Joplin; 417-782-4944

Moonwink: tomorrow and Saturday; Champs

Stephen Hero from Tulsa: alternative rock; tomorrow; Bypass; 1212 Main; 417-624-6544

Smith Brothers: rock'n' roll band; Saturday; Bypass

Big Bang: Friday, May 2; Bypass

Comedy: Saturday, May 3; Bypass

Oil/or Pastel: artCentral workshop by Ben Konis; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and tomorrow; 308 E. Central; Carthage; 417-358-4404

SPRINGFIELD

Letters from Lydia: A Voice Lost In Time; Springfield Ballet; tomorrow and Saturday; Landers Theatre; 311 E. Walnut; 417-869-1334

Red Cross Celebrity Concert: Saturday; Hammons Student Center; Southwest Missouri State University; 901 S. National; 417-836-5000

TULSA

Posters of Paris 1880-1900: 50 original hand-colored lithographs from the Terry and Louis L. Silver Collection, depicting French scenes; Philbrook Museum of Art; through May 10; 918-749-7941

"Sweet Sue": Sue, a divorced, middle-aged artist, finds herself attracted to her son's college roommate who has come to visit; through Saturday; Heller Theatre; 918-743-1218

ST. LOUIS

Travis Triff: country concert with Asleep at the Wheel, Marty Stuart, and Mark O'Connor; 6 p.m. May 3; Riverport; I-70 and Earth City Expressway; 314-291-7600; \$16 res. seats, \$12 lawn seats

Bob Goldthwait: comedy performance; 7:30 p.m. May 9; Westport Playhouse; 314-291-7600

The Foster Sisters: with guest Aaron Tippin; 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. May 9; Rickman Auditorium; 745 Jeffco Blvd.; 314-296-8000

KANSAS CITY

"Shear Madness": through April 30; American Heartland Theatre Stage Two, Westin Crown Center Hotel; 816-842-9999

"The Merry Wives of Windsor": 8 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; Lyric Opera of Kansas City; 816-471-7344; tickets \$6 to \$35

Steven Wright in Concert: 8 p.m.; May 1; Midland Theatre; 816-931-3330

▶ YOUNG AMBASSADORS

Show set for May

Stage company known in 43 countries

A tribute to the "American Music Makers" will be presented by the Young Ambassadors at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in Taylor Auditorium at Missouri Southern.

Southern students and children will be admitted free. Tickets are \$4 for all others.

The Young Ambassadors are a stage performance company featuring the song and dance of the 20th century. The group presents a different theme and message each year, with a repertoire ranging from Broadway to the Grand Ole Opry.

The Young Ambassadors combines bright costumes, lively song and dance, and nonstop energy to spread a message of friendship and brotherhood worldwide. The group has traveled throughout the United States and to more than 43 foreign countries.

The Young Ambassadors has entertained Queen Sirikit of Thailand, President Ronald Reagan, and the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The group was invited by King Hussein to perform at the prestigious Jerash Festival in Jordan and has been featured at the Louisiana World Exposition and at the grand opening of the Tokyo Disneyland. The Young

Ambassadors reaches millions of people in major concert halls and impromptu performances in hospitals, orphanages, town squares, and government palaces.

The Young Ambassadors is a program of Brigham Young University in Utah, a non-profit organization.

Group members, selected from thousands of students who audition annually, range in age from 19 to 28. The performers are currently pursuing degrees in a variety of majors, most of which are performance-related such as vocal performance, professional dance, and musical theatre.

The group's director, Randy Boothe, has served frequently since 1977 as a director and consultant with Walt Disney Productions, Hawaii's Polynesian Cultural Center, Showase Hawaii, and the Polynesian Dance Ensemble. He currently chairs the musical dance theatre division for BYU's department of music.

Music producer Ron Simpson brings much experience from the professional music world. He was first a musician, playing for such artists as Joan Baez, Wayne Newton, Liberace, and the Platters. He then became a music producer.

▶ ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Sea bird inspires Dworkin

BY JASON HAASE
STAFF WRITER

This summer Dr. Joy Dworkin, assistant professor of English, will have a poem published in the *Paris Review*.

Titled *Gannet*, the poem was influenced by the large sea bird of the same name. An avid bird watcher, Dworkin traveled to Cape Clear Island in the southwesternmost point of Ireland. She said it is a good place to go because of the interesting birds there.

"The last time I was in Ireland, my husband and I hitched around the west of Ireland and went to that island," Dworkin said. "What I really wanted to see was the gannet."

"I don't think of writing the poem at the moment when I'm experiencing something, but that poem does pretty directly come out of that experience."

She said that is not always the way she likes to write, but in this case it was.

Through a friend, Dworkin had lunch with the editor of the *Paris Review*. She met with the editor, Patricia Storace, to discuss a Russian translation she was working on with another poet. When sending Storace the translation, Dworkin simply decided to include a few of her own words as well.

"She is really concerned about building each issue," Dworkin said. "She wants not only for the individual pieces to be excellent, but for the whole to be somehow coherent and make sense."

Although she has been published before, this experience means more to her.

"Part of it actually is simply that I have great respect for this editor, and she understood what I was getting at and appreciated it," Dworkin said.

In February another of her poems was printed in the *English Journal*,

GANNET

BY JOY DWORKIN
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

First the choughs
in a band of three
red beaks lit
against sky, black wings
slow over the heath.

Naked shins etched
by stiff gorse
prickles, we reach
the island's highest
point. A terrified
hare thumps retreat.
Two lesser black-backed
gulls surf the air, teeter
as the invisible wave
turns. Limestone

juts through gorse
(shrunk to a sponge
carpet.) Wind tempts
our legs to the cliff,
hugs our knees

and takes wing: hugh
dark primaries pull
like the grand east-west
stretch of the tight-rope
walker's hands. This

bird must be what
the wind (that ecstatic
ghost) urged us
to see: a moment of
hunger: the plunge

astounds the ocean where it hits,
water stands up white, a frozen
palisade, then crumbles
into its element.

JEFFREY SLATTON / The Chart

which is more of a magazine than a literary journal like the *Paris Review*.

She said because she doesn't think much about an audience when she writes, it is a new experience thinking about the numbers of potentially congenial readers who will see her poem.

STOP THE MUSIC



Photo Courtesy of Young Ambassadors

The Young Ambassadors, a stage company from Brigham Young University in Utah, will perform a song and dance tribute to "American Music Makers" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at Taylor Auditorium.

▶ SPIVA ART CENTER

Seniors to display their work at art exhibit opening Sunday

By CHRISTY MYERS
STAFF WRITER

A variety of artwork by graduating seniors will be displayed at the Missouri Southern Senior Art Exhibit.

"The art show is an opportunity for the public to see what the young artists have produced," said Dave Noblett, associate professor of art.

Three separate groups of art will be shown. Each group will have a separate opening and be exhibited for one week. The show opens Sunday and runs through May 15 in the Spiva Art Center.

Exhibit I (Sunday through May 1) consists of works by Natalie Wiseman, Jamie Robertson, Deonna Eutsler, Charla Bruton, Martha Smith, and Edward Koski.

Exhibit II (May 3-8) consists of works by Julia Christian, Evette Frazier, Myragnene Haase, Becky Trotter, Charles Stephens, and John Morris.

Exhibit III (May 10-15) consists of works by Kenalea Johnson, Loren Smith, David Delzell, Shannon Clark, Michele Bohstedt, and Annie Wu. Students each will exhibit between 20 and 60 art pieces they have worked on at Southern.

"It is very stressful work," Smith said. "We spend a lot of time getting ready for the show."

The works include paintings, sculptures, ceramics, printmaking, jewelry, and graphic designs.

"I am very proud of the students because they have worked so hard," Noblett said. "I encourage the public to come and visit."

The art show is not only a requirement graduating seniors must meet; it also is an opportunity for them to show their work.

"I will be showing 55 pieces of art," Eutsler said. "You spend a lot of nights up late working on your projects. Sometimes I have stayed up until two and three in the morning."

"I would like to try to get a job at an advertising agency or a business with a large art department after I graduate," Robertson said.

Receptions are held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays in the Spiva Art Center. They are open to the public, free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

Art exhibits will be open to the public Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

▶ SPRINGFIELD RECORD COLLECTORS CONVENTION

Trade show to be held Sunday

Buyers, sellers expect music memorabilia of 1950s to 1990s

By JASON HAASE
STAFF WRITER

The second Springfield Record Collectors Convention will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the ballroom of Springfield's Quality Inn.

The room will be filled with records, CDs, tapes, music videos, and posters. Admission fee is \$2.

Most musical styles will be represented by approximately 50 dealers and collectors. They will display, sell, and trade items featuring music primarily from the 1950s through the 1990s.

"We've got dealers who collect original 45s, a dealer who has a lot of rock music, and there is a little bit of country and western," Jim Ronat, veteran St. Louis area collector, said.

The show will be presented by Ronat along with another St. Louis area collector, Carl Kuelker. They

have been involved in collecting for 15 years.

"The record conventions grew out of our hobbies—collecting old records to fill gaps in our private collections," Kuelker said.

"There's nothing quite like the thrill of finding a record that has been on your want list for years, and a record show is the place to do it," he said.

Many buyers ask about what is now known as the "British Invasion," mainly the Beatles, said Ronat. Elvis memorabilia tends to be traditionally collectible. Current performers with a high visual content like Prince also are collectible.

Promotional items, magazines with certain groups on the cover, and bands that have recorded under different names all are sought after, according to Ronat.

"A lot of people collect for different reasons," he said. "There are

the hard-core collectors who try to make the dollar.

"A lot of dealers who come to the shows are always looking to buy things that they can take to other shows."

Many people simply collect because they have a favorite artist or because it helps bring back memories of their past.

"A lot of groups who make it big—people go back and try to collect the things they made when they started out," Ronat said.

Springfield's first record convention was held in January. Approximately 300 people attended the show.

"We kind of experimented with the first show," Ronat said. "What we hope to do is have it about twice a year—in April and October."

For further information, persons may contact Judi Smith at 887-9280.

▶ CROWDER COLLEGE

Songwriter, artist seminar to come to area

By SUSAN HOSKINS
STAFF WRITER

Bringing Nashville to the four-state area is the goal of a songwriter and artist seminar to be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 at Crowder College in Neosho.

The seminar will feature a panel of Jackson Brumley, personal manager for David Frizzell, Merle Haggard, Loretta Lynn, and Rick Nelson; Dwayne Blackwell, song writer; Buddy Cannon, producer of Sammy Kershaw's *Cadillac Style*; Chip Young, a record producer; and Vic Clay, an independent country and gospel music producer.

Lori Holt, Crowder College direc-

tor of public information, said the seminar was the brainchild of Bob Brumley, who wanted to raise funds for the school.

"It is hard to imagine how wonderfully connected they are," she said. "The people giving the seminar are all friends and business associates."

Holt said the seminar will provide a good opportunity for aspiring songwriters to break into the profession.

"It will appeal to all people," she said. "It will be a good opportunity to meet people."

The seminar costs \$95 per person in advance and \$115 at the door. Lunch is included in the cost.

Holt said the seminar will give more unknowns the opportunity to get exposure to the songwriting

profession.

"The Ozarks are a very artistically talented area," she said. "There is a lot of natural talent."

Holt said she anticipates a significant turnout because of the increased popularity of country music.

"The phone hasn't stopped ringing," she said. "A lot of students have been real interested and excited about the seminar. Some faculty members have even shown an interest in it. It is nice to tap into people's creative energies that they would not be able to experience otherwise."

"Rock'n'roll and heavy metal have separated from the masses and rebelled. Country seems more real. You understand what the song is saying."

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▶ MAIN STREET JOPLIN

A 'Taste of Joplin': Restaurants to sell samples of fares

By SHARON WEBER
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Joplin restaurants will be spotlighted on Thursday, May 7 during a Taste of Joplin celebration. Main Street Joplin is sponsoring the event in conjunction with the Route 66 Anniversary Tour. "Local restaurants will be selling samples of their specialties," said Butch Cumisky, marketing coordinator for Main Street Joplin. "There will be prizes awarded for best appetizers, entrees, desserts, and people's choice."

Main Street Joplin anticipates that 20 restaurants will participate. The event is in conjunction with a Ricky Van Shelton concert sponsored by Stonebridge Productions, KSN-TV, and KIX Radio.

"There is also a classic car caravan that is traveling with the concert," Cumisky said. "They will be on display."

The activities will be held at Municipal Parking Lot E at Seventh and Joplin from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. The concert is in Memorial Hall.

"This is a great opportunity for local restaurants to build new customers," Cumisky said. "I can't think of a better way for a restaurant to gain new customers than by letting them sample their food."

Proceeds from the samples will go to Main Street Joplin to implement beautification projects downtown.

"The money we receive will go back into Joplin," Cumisky said. "We use the money to maintain the municipal lots and do certain beautification projects that are needed in the downtown area."

Cumisky hopes Taste of Joplin will become an annual event. Main Street Joplin is already making plans for next year.

"Plans for the future include wine tasting," Cumisky said. "We had wanted it this year, but the liabilities were too great and needed more research."

PUTTING OUT THE FIRE



Joplin firefighters attempt to open one of the doors to the Cow Palace, on North Range Line. No one was hurt in last Wednesday's blaze.

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▶ JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL

Southern faculty member new mayor

Richard wins 5-4 in pro tem vote

By BRIAN SANDERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Shortly after proceedings began at Monday's Joplin City Council meeting, a Missouri Southern faculty member was chosen to serve as the city's mayor for the next two years.

Bernie Johnson, associate professor of business, was chosen unanimously to replace Cheryl Dandridge as Joplin's mayor. Councilman Ron Richard was elected mayor pro tem, a two-year term.

"I'm very pleased and excited about being chosen for the job,"

Johnson said. "It's going to be challenging; I'm going to have my work cut out for me."

The swearing-in of newly elected Council members took place after city attorney Mike Talley informed the Council a restraining order filed by Council candidate Jack Stults had been dissolved by Newton County Associate Circuit Judge Tim Perigo. Stults' order prevented the reorganization of the Council at a special meeting April 13.

After Talley's statement, Johnson, Jim West, Earl Carr, and Paul Bargar were sworn in for four-year terms by city clerk Joy Thompson.

Johnson, who had served the past two years as mayor pro tem, was the sole nomination for mayor. He won by acclamation.

Councilmen Richard, Doug Hunt, and Milt Wolf were nominated for mayor pro tem. In the first election, Richard received four votes; Hunt, three; and Wolf, two. In the runoff, Richard defeated Hunt, 5-4.

After a brief recess, all Council ordinances were passed without debate. As the last order of business, Johnson invited all Council members to make any statements—an opportunity Hunt took to express his outrage at the low voter turnout on April 7.

"I know I harp on this a lot, but I'm pretty sincere about this," Hunt said. "There are 41,100 people in this city, and only 8,000 people bother to go vote."

"A few people have called me in the past two years with complaints, and I asked them if they were regis-

tered voters. I want to go on the record and say that if you are not a registered voter, I do not represent you. It might break people's hearts, but I mean it."

Hunt pointed out the April 14 walkout by Joplin High School students as a consequence of the low turnout.

"I don't mean to cross the lines in speaking about R-8 (school district), but I am very concerned about the education of our children," he said. "There are a lot of silent voices calling people to go vote, and we have a lot of problems in this city, but they can be changed."

Bargar agreed. "I second Doug's observation. It is a disgrace that our voters did not come out en masse," he said.

▶ SEVENTH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL RACE

Hancock expects turnover in House

Congressman questions competency of some lawmakers

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Election season is here, and area legislators are on the stump. U.S. Congressman Mel Hancock (R-Missouri) made an appearance in Carthage Thursday at the Over Sixty Center and spoke briefly to members.

Later, Hancock assisted members delivering meals to elderly, homebound residents as a part of the center's Homebound Meals program.

Hancock spoke on a number of issues facing Congress this session, including the check-bouncing scandal, taxes, tourism, and trade. He said the House check scandal dominates the questions he receives in his district, and that he did not write any of the bad checks.

"I carry around a letter from the House Ethics Committee that states

that I had no bad checks," Hancock said. "It's too bad that I have to, but I do."

He said the scandal reflects on the competency of some lawmakers.

"Anybody without the common sense to keep a check register doesn't have any business messing with a \$1.4 trillion budget," Hancock said. "Some people had an occasional bad check and you can understand that, but some of them were intentionally writing bad checks."

He said the scandal is contributing to a "revolution in Congress."

"The situation bodes very optimistic," Hancock said. "Two years ago I didn't care whether or not I went back to Washington, but now it's different."

He predicted this election could bring in 125-150 new members compared to 40-50 freshman legislators from past elections.

"I think an organization needs new people to remain effective," Hancock said.

He also discussed the recent congressional hearings held in Branson.

"We had an excellent hearing," Hancock said. "We got a lot of testimony on the permanent record from people in the tourism industry. With that record we can export the expertise to other areas."

Successful hearings bring to light other areas in a subject that need further study, and Hancock said this hearing brought a number of topics forward. One of those is the way foreign tourists are treated at U.S. Customs desks when entering the country.

"We need to ask the Customs department why other countries can process American tourists in a few minutes while foreign tourists sometimes spend two or three hours wait-

ing to clear Customs here," Hancock said.

Travel constitutes 6 percent of the world economy and generates millions of jobs around the world, he said.

Taxes is another topic on the minds of his constituents, Hancock said. He said he doesn't favor a tax increase at this time.

"I think we can do more with what we've got if we use it more efficiently," Hancock said.

He said he has tried to remain in contact with his constituents.

"I was elected a conservative, and I think I've remained in tune with the area," Hancock said. "I've taken some tough stands, and you don't win friends that way."

"But I think if the liberals had the facts I have had, 90 percent of the time they would have voted the same way."

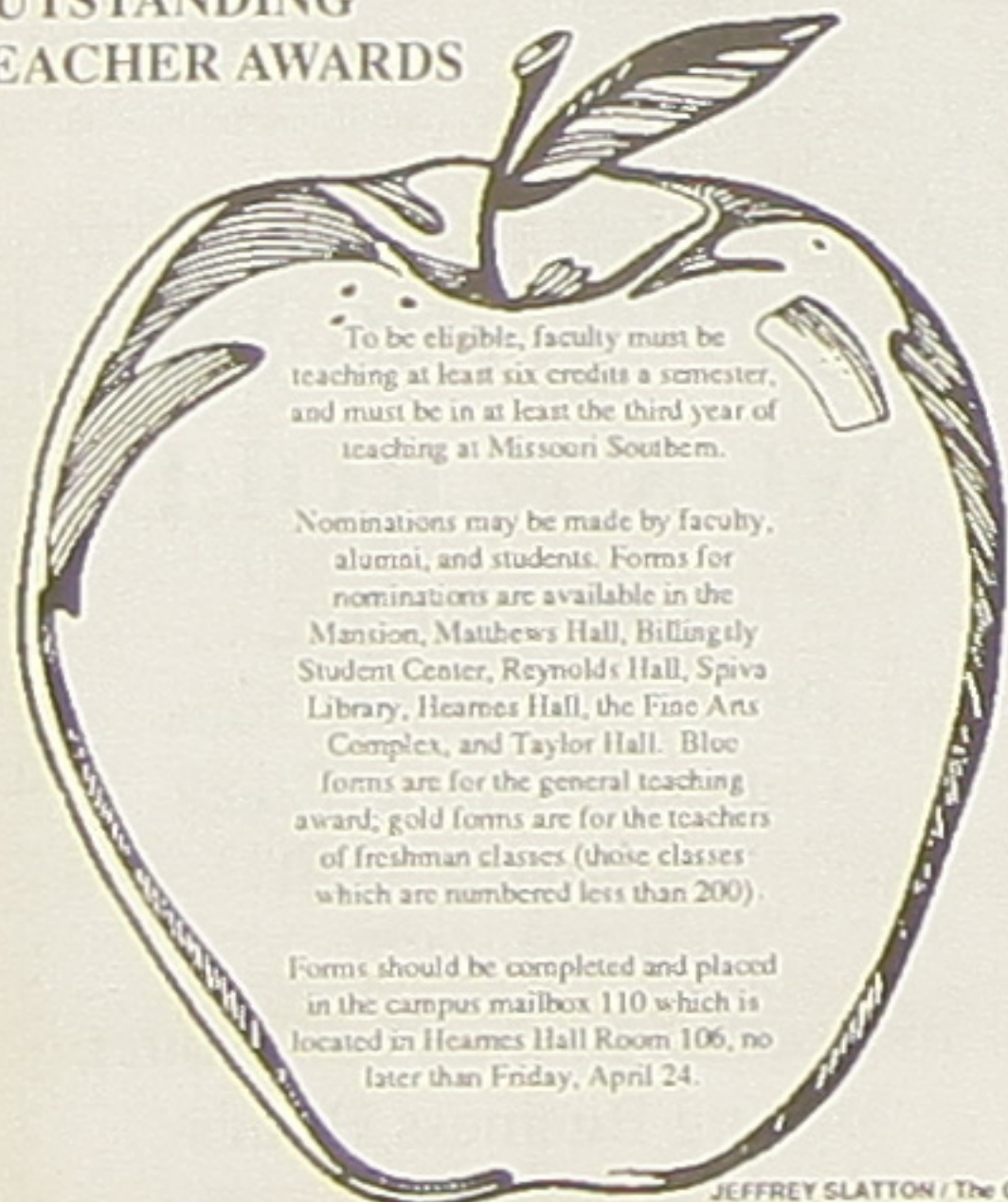
COMMUNITY SERVICE



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Rep. Mel Hancock (R-Missouri) delivers a meal to Inez Peeples, a homebound resident of Carthage, in spare time last Thursday.

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► HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunshine Law would expand

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Some holes in Missouri's Open Meetings, Open Records (Sunshine) Law would be closed if a state legislator has his way.

Rep. Joe Maxwell (D-Mexico), who introduced House Bill 1463, also wants to close a "credibility gap" between government and voters. Maxwell said the bill brings some state-funded organizations under the umbrella of the Sunshine Law.

"My experience in the past year or so of talking to constituents and traveling as a state legislator has led me to believe that there is a credibility gap between the people and their government," he said. "HB 1463 was written to try to bridge that gap."

Maxwell said he hopes the bill will lessen suspicions among the public and the news media.

"My experience has been the minute someone wants to close the door, everyone gets very concerned that something shady is going on," he said. "Hopefully this will send a message to the public and the press that it is legitimate to close some meetings."

One provision of the bill requires organizations to keep minutes of all meetings. Maxwell said except for personnel matters, the minutes will be opened to the public within a set period of time.

"I think that will allow the press and the public to feel that at some point they will know what went on," Maxwell said. "The press and the public can focus on the issue instead of focusing on the fact they closed the doors."

He said the bill will help those behind the closed doors to be sensitive to the fact they need to stay focused on the topic that was posted before the meeting.

Maxwell said the bill will affect a wide variety of groups, including sewer and water and other political sub-districts not specifically mentioned in the present Sunshine Law.

He said the bill requires all committees appointed by a governing body, or reporting directly to that governing body, be included under the law. This would apply to colleges and universities.

"There has been some discussion as to whether a committee (which reports directly to a board of governance), just because it was not directly overseen by a member of the board, could be closed," Maxwell said. "We tried to spell that out again."

He said the chances for this bill are slim because it is late in the session and the open meetings issue is controversial for some legislators.

"The state is faced with many crises, and this issue is not necessarily a priority for the leadership," Maxwell said. "It's controversial because you have three very important rights at work, and all of them are in conflict with each other."

He said the rights in conflict include the individual's right to privacy, the public's right to know, and the government's right to function.

Rep. Chris Kelly (D-Columbia) said he has worked for the bill before. Kelly said a free press is fundamental to the operation of democracy.

"The press, for all of its many faults, is the only way for the public to have any idea what government is doing," he said.

The bill is in the House Budget Committee and Kelly, committee chairman, said he would set a hearing at its next meeting.

If the committee approves the bill, the House will take a final vote. Should the measure pass the House, it will move to the Senate.

LAWNMOWER MAN



John Oehring, groundskeeper with the Department of Natural Resources, mows the lawn just east of the Capitol. Oehring mowed Tuesday despite unseasonably cold temperatures and cloudy weather.

► MISSOURI LOTTERY

Bill targets schools for profits

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Lawmakers in Jefferson City are moving closer to earmarking the profits from the Missouri Lottery for education.

Legislation passed by the Senate last week would put the question before the people in the November general election. Sen. Danny Staples (D-Eminence) said Senate Joint Resolution 20 passed by a 26-6 vote.

This bill was amended in the Senate to earmark the lottery proceeds to the foundation formula which funds teachers' salaries and other general costs of elementary and secondary education.

Staples said this means Missouri colleges and universities will not receive any of the lottery money.

"The Senate felt like it was a such a meager amount, \$75 million per year from the lottery, as compared to \$1 billion that we now spend on elementary and secondary education alone," he said. "We felt it would do

more good if it were earmarked to the foundation formula."

Staples said most senators believed it would be best to let the people decide if they wanted the money earmarked.

"[The people] voted to pass the lottery, and I think they thought they were voting to earmark it for education," he said. "I want to give them a chance to do that."

The bill now goes to the House where debate on the measure is expected soon.

Rep. Jim Mitchell (R-Richland), a long-time supporter of earmarking the lottery profits for education, said it was time to put the money where the people intended it to go.

"I think we need to get it done using whatever bill or vehicle necessary," Mitchell said. "If it doesn't go through this year, I'm prepared to launch a petition drive just to get it on the ballot myself."

He said despite the fact there are only four weeks left in the session, he is confident it will pass.

"We've got the votes in the Senate and the House to do it," Mitchell said. "It's the will of the governor, and the people really want it."

He said the transfer would probably have to be phased to allow the general revenue fund time to adjust.

"I don't think we could probably do it all at one time," Mitchell said. "The bills we had on the House side would have phased it in over a two-year period, and I think we'd probably have to add that to Sen. Staples' bill."

Rep. Pat Secrest (R-Manchester) said she was not in favor of the lottery from the beginning.

"I [favor the resolution] only from the standpoint that I think that's what we told people originally," Secrest said. "I heard the same complaints everyone else did when we had Proposition B."

"I think from the standpoint that people are assuming that if this will put it to rest and allow us to go on and do some other things, maybe there is some validity to that."

► EMERGENCY MEASURE

Public schools could see relief soon

Bill goes to Ashcroft

A bill to help school districts facing bankruptcy was given final approval by the Senate last week—despite objections to a provision changing the traditional number of people who serve on local school boards.

The bill subsequently was passed by the House and sent to Gov. John Ashcroft. The measure contains a special clause allowing it to go into effect immediately after being signed by the governor.

The original bill, sponsored by Sen. Harold Caskey (D-Butler), chairman of the Senate Education Committee, was aimed at helping

those districts which face serious financial problems or operating deficits.

State officials have estimated that more than 20 districts are operating in a deficit and more than 50 others could end the current school year in similar financial straits.

Caskey said approval of the bill this week was essential because the school districts now were beginning to send out teacher contracts for the next school year.

However, the bill ran into opposition in the Senate because of a provision that changes the traditional number of people on school boards from six members to seven.

The provision was not contained

in the original bill, but was added in the House.

Several senators complained this was a fundamental change in the way school boards were operated and it should not have been included in the emergency school measure.

Two weeks ago the Senate rejected a compromise version of the bill because of the change in board membership. The Senate then voted to send the bill back to the negotiating committee. However, House members refused to budge on the issue, and it was again sent back to the Senate.

Caskey urged the Senate not to delay the bill because of the board issue.

Higher Education Briefs

SMSU gains accreditation

► The college of business administration at Southwest Missouri State University has gained accreditation from the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business for both its business administration and accounting programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

"I think it's the most exciting thing that has happened to the school in my memory," said David Glass, SMSU alumnus and Wal-Mart chief executive officer.

Of the more than 1,200 college and university business programs nationwide, 245 are AACSB accredited at both the undergraduate and master's levels. Only 93 schools' accounting programs are accredited at both the undergraduate and master's level.

Dr. Douglas Durand, head of SMSU's computer information systems department, said, "It's virtually impossible to recruit the highest-caliber faculty to schools that are not AACSB accredited."

Keeling plans 1992-93 cuts

► Russell Keeling, chief executive officer at Southwest Missouri State University, will present a tentative budget proposal for 1992-93 at the May 15 Board of Regents meeting.

Keeling's goal is to cut 3 percent—about \$2 million—from SMSU's current budget.

"It can't be done without feeling the pain, but we're trying to reduce the pain as much as possible," Keeling told the *Springfield News-Leader*.

Recommendations from SMSU vice presidents include freezing some teaching positions and not filling others that become open, reducing faculty travel funds and start-up funds for new faculty members, and cutting operating budgets in all areas.

Longview could acquire ranch

► A Colorado woman has offered to donate her 667-acre, \$2 million guest ranch to Longview Community College as an educational institute.

Longview geology field trips have passed through the ranch in Creede, Colo., for several years. Bea Collette made the offer to Longview geology instructor Dale Biagi.

Creede is known for its silver mines and tourism.

Longview President Aldo Leker said a Metropolitan Community College task force is studying the offer.

The proposed Longview-Broadacres Institute for Rocky Mountain Studies could earn the college \$200,000 per year through normal operations of the ranch and by offering a limited number of courses. Longview also could contract with other colleges to provide courses at the site.

Bailey to speak in Rolla Monday

► State Treasurer Wendell Bailey, one of three Republican candidates for governor, will discuss Missouri's social and economic climate in a speech Monday at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Bailey's speech, "Missouri Outlook: Where Do We Stand and Where Are We Going," begins at 7 p.m. in Centennial Hall of the University Center-East.

The event, sponsored by the UMR economics department, is free and open to the public. A reception for Bailey will follow the speech.

HISTORY LESSON



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Andy Holtmeyer, 6, of Waterloo, Iowa, familiarizes himself with the faces of Missouri's past governors on a visit to the Capitol Tuesday.

► ELECTION '92

Socialist Party seeks to help workers

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The collapse of communism in Europe has not dampened the enthusiasm of Missouri's Socialist Worker's Party.

The party will announce its candidates for federal office at a news conference today in Jefferson City. They are David Sandor, of St. Louis, running against Sen. Christopher Bond (R-Missouri), and Andrea Gonzalez, Hazelwood, running against Rep. Richard Gephardt (D-Missouri) in the Third Congressional District.

Sandor said the party is working to preserve the rights of the working class.

"The world is in the early stages of a depression," he said. "American workers are under attack by the American ruling class. The only way they can shore up their profits is to lower workers' standard of living."

Sandor said the Socialist Party runs on a platform opposed to both Democrats and Republicans.

"Those parties represent the interests of the capitalists," he said. "They both represent essentially the same policy of the ruling class."

He praised the pro-choice activists defending abortion clinics in Buffalo, N.Y., and called the members of Operation Rescue "ultra-right, incipient fascists."

"There is a good chance I might find myself up there next week with the defenders," Sandor said.

On the federal budget deficit, Sandor said he favors an international approach to the problem.

"We think [the deficit] cannot be resolved on a national basis," he said. "We don't consider ourselves Americans. We are a part of the worldwide working class."

He said the collapse of communism in eastern Europe strengthened the socialist movement in the U.S. and around the world.

"We think what's happened in the former Soviet Union is good for the workers of the world," Sandor said. "Those regimes were really Stalinist

governments, and they allowed no room for freedoms for the workers."

He said the regimes were an obstacle to the fight for socialism and communism in the world. The collapse of these governments has freed the workers to express their views.

"The totalitarian regimes in those countries prevented workers from having a voice in government. The revolutions show that those workers are supportive of socialism."

He said his party holds Cuba as an example of how socialism should work.

"Cuba is a place where the people have control of the administration," Sandor said. "In Cuba, an overwhelming majority of the population supports the revolution."

Sandor promoted his party as the "international party."

"We've designed our programs completely separate from the other parties," he said. "We consider ourselves the alternative to the Republicans and Democrats, which are the parties of war and racism."

CAPITOL NICKNAMES

The legislative and executive bodies could be more colorful if some of the new office seekers from Missouri win. Here are some applicants and nicknames they included as part of their "official" names.

Nickname	Given Name	Filed for:
"Boots"	George Weber	U.S. Senate
"Hoss"	Bernard L. Mazurkiewicz	Congress
"Gomer"	Edward Moody	Congress
"Red"	Francis Markwell	Rep. Dist. 75
"Dutch"	W.E. Dussettschleger	Rep. Dist. 123
"Mickey"	Richard Poor	Rep. Dist. 130
"Aunt Norma"	Norma Champion	Rep. Dist. 134
"Shorty"	Robert Prewitt	Rep. Dist. 143
"Stonewall"	M.E. Chiles	Rep. Dist. 152
"Bullet Train"	Rich Pisani	Lt. Governor

Source: Capitol Report
JEFFREY SLATTON / The Chart

► BASEBALL

Weather plays havoc on season's end

NWMSU first up in MIAA tourney

By ROD SHETLER
STAFF WRITER

Due to inclement weather last weekend, the baseball Lions' final three MIAA South Division games at Southwest Baptist University were cancelled.

The Lions had a two-game lead going into that series, and the

weather forecast predicted rain for the remainder of the week. The athletic directors of the MIAA voted to forego the final series and name Southern the South Division champion for the second straight season.

"We were happy with the decision," said shortstop Scott Madden. "We know what we have to do now, and we can just concentrate on the

tournament Friday."

Southern, 36-10 overall and 10-2 in the MIAA, will take on North Division runner-up Northwest Missouri State University (17-20, 7-2) in the opening game at noon tomorrow. The North Division winner, Central Missouri State University (26-12, 8-1), will take on the South Division runner-up, the University of Missouri-St. Louis (23-11, 7-4) at 3:30 p.m.

The double-elimination tourna-

ment will continue with three games on Saturday and the MIAA Championship game on Sunday.

When the Lions take the field tomorrow, it will have been nine days since their last action, a double-header sweep of Oral Roberts University. The Lions hope the long layoff won't hurt their chances in the post-season tournament.

"I've enjoyed the days off," said Head Coach Warren Turner. "I think we needed it. We've been practicing

everyday and we've been scrimmaging, so I think we're ready."

Some of the players have been feeling minor effects of the long hiatus.

"Yesterday I felt the layoff with my hitting," Madden said. "I stayed late in practice and spent extra time in the [batting] cage getting comfortable again."

The Lions, ranked fifth in the Division II poll this week, are 4-1 against the other three teams.



T.R. HANRAHAN

A perfect afternoon at the park

There is something special about the first baseball game of the spring.

It is even more so when you're playing hooky at Joe Becker Stadium. I did just that one day last week.

I slipped out of *The Chart* office about an hour and a half early for a meeting and made a stop with *Chart* director of photography Chad Hayworth at the stadium. He worked; I didn't.

I had never seen a Lions' baseball game before, and the only time I had been in Becker Stadium, I was interviewing Head Coach Warren Turner about a trip to Cuba. I've been missing out.

Becker is a fun place to spend a sunny afternoon. Everyone is smiling and genuinely glad to be there. The people you meet are regular fans, ballplayers' girlfriends, and instructors. The crowd is active and vocal, but polite.

Several things about the atmosphere guarantee I will visit again. No admission here, just donations. Ballpark food? Try a Muttburger with lots of onions and mustard. That's living. The grease from this creature of a sandwich was thick, but that added to the challenge of attending a doubleheader in a business suit.

With the Lions trailing Oral Roberts University 5-0 in the bottom of the fourth, Chad and I thought we would cut out of the game early. We were wrong.

Two things happened. Southern started hitting, and Ed Butkiewicz, director of food service, began offering us a free charcoal hamburger. We had missed dinner, and Southern began to come to life. We decided to stick around and see what happened. I never did ask Ed who was minding the cafeteria.

We decided to look for a seat. While the stands are less than luxurious, they are purely baseball. Most fans sit on wooden bleacher benches underneath the stadium roof on either side of home plate. Others sun themselves outside the shade in the bleachers along the first base line. This is where we sat.

Joining us in the stands were many of the Lady Lions' volleyball players. It was nice to see them at the stadium returning the support the baseball Lions showed the fall and winter sports teams.

The action on the field was getting better. ORU squandered its lead, and Southern bats began narrowing the gap. By the end of the fourth inning, Southern had cut the ORU lead to 5-3.

Despite Southern's run at the lead, I began to wonder about an off-the-field Lion practice. Coach Turner makes the players on the bench run to the bullpen and back between innings. I know there must be a good reason. Judging by his coaching record, Turner knows what he's doing.

Southern jumped ahead 6-5 in the bottom of the fifth on a two-run homer by second baseman David Fisher. The Titans managed a run off reliever Darren Gaffney in the top of the seventh, but the Lions' Mike Zirngible scored the winning run on Jason Halvorson's grounder to short.

The stands didn't empty much between games, but I was not among the fans remaining. Unfortunately, real life intruded and I headed to my meeting 15 minutes late.

I wish I could have stayed to watch Southern complete the sweep of ORU. The sun was perfect, the food was greasy, and the home team wasn't a big-league club or the Kansas City Royals—it was a nice escape.

Next week: Look for the seventh annual LePage-Smith Awards, selected by our sports staff.

TUNING UP FOR CONFERENCE



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Freshman Misty Braswell delivers a backhand to her opponent during a match with Drury College Tuesday. Southern knocked off Drury 7-2 to bolster its record to 11-6 on the season. The Lady Lions open preliminary round play today in the MIAA Championships in St. Joseph which run until Saturday.

► WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Southern signs 5, builds depth

By STACY CAMPBELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Excitement abounds for next season's women's basketball team after the completion of its recruiting process.

"We are going to be an exciting team to watch," said Coach Scott Ballard. "We are going to do things we did last year better, and more of it."

Ballard, who has inked five players to a national letter of intent, thinks all of them will have significant roles.

"All five are going to get playing time and push the people we have returning," he said. "We are going to have a lot of depth, and we can rotate people without losing scoring."

Ballard said the team will be improved in three major areas.

"We will be a better defensive team, have better perimeter scoring, and improved athletic ability on the inside," he said.

Sonya Harlin, a transfer from Moberly Junior College, is the most notable of the signees. Harlin, a 5-foot-6 guard, was the leading

NJCAA All-American signs

With the signing of Sonya Harlin, Coach Scott Ballard landed one of the prized recruits in the Midwest.

Harlin, a first-team Kodak and NJCAA All-American, averaged 33.5 points per game, and in one game scored 58 points for Moberly Junior College.

She chose Southern over Kansas, Miami (Fla.), North Carolina State, Houston, and Oklahoma State.

"I believe we were the only Division II school to recruit her

because the rest thought she was out of their league," Ballard said. "Right up to the day of signing, Houston and Oklahoma State would not leave her alone."

He said Harlin is blessed with great athletic ability.

"She can really shake and bake," Ballard said. "She has good quickness and is a tremendous shooter."

"Not too often does a person who leads the nation in scoring not take many bad shots, which she doesn't."

Community College, Concordia, Kan.

Cindy VanItten, a 5-10 guard/forward from Truman High School, Independence, Mo., and Teresa McLaury, a 5-7 guard from O'Hara High School, Kansas City, are the other two players to sign.

► GOLF

Field wide open for title

By JEFFREY SLATTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

On Monday and Tuesday, the golf Lions will attempt to salvage a so far dismal season when they compete in the MIAA conference tournament at Tan-Tar-A.

Head Coach Bill Cox said several teams could come away with the tournament championship.

"There is no question that the field is wide open coming in," he said.

Junior Jon Anderson said the team will have to play its best in order to contend.

"If we play good, we've got a chance," he said. "But everyone will be at the mercy of the golf course. On that course, if you miss a fairway, you miss the world."

Cox said Central Missouri State University, Northeast Missouri State

University, Emporia State University, and Pittsburg State University are the favorites coming into the conference match.

"They have all been playing well," he said. "Missouri Western [State College] is also coming along well."

On April 16-17, the Lions competed in the Missouri Western Golf Invitational in St. Joseph. Southern finished 14th in the 19-team field, 73 strokes behind first-place Southeast Missouri State University.

The Lions were led by Anderson whose two-day total of 159 was 18 strokes off the pace set by Rick Heath of Grand View College and Craig Zinzilieta of SEMO.

Other Southern scores were: sophomore Chris Fredenburg, 163; sophomore Trent Stiles, 167; junior Chris Claassen, 171; and sophomore Chris Strong, 172.

Intramural Sports

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Monday, April 27

3:00 Silverbullet vs. Schwingsters
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4:00 Eradicator vs. Wogs
Silverbullet vs. It's the Shoes

Tuesday, April 28

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Green 2nd vs. Gold 3rd
4:00 Gold 2nd vs. Green 3rd
Green 1st vs. Gold 4th

Thursday, April 30

3:00 Semi-final winners on both fields
4:00 Intramural Championship



JEFFREY SLATTON / The Chart

► BASEBALL

Larson has smooth transition

Third baseman happy at Southern

By ROD SHETLER
STAFF WRITER

When athletes make the transition from junior college to a four-year institution, the readjustment sometimes means a wasted season and a year of eligibility gone.

That was a fallacy for Missouri Southern third baseman Bryan Larson in his first season with the Lions last year.

"I've really liked it here," said the Faribault, Minn., native. "There have been some really friendly people who have made me feel at home."

The warm feelings shown to Larson also might have something to do with the impact he made on last year's 48-13 NCAA Division II national runner-up team.

Larson won Southern's version of the triple crown, leading the team with a .411 batting average, nine home runs, and 76 RBIs. He also topped the team in hits (81), doubles (28), total bases (140), and a .711 slugging percentage.

Larson has picked up this season

where he left off last year with a .426 batting mark going into this weekend's MIAA tournament. His season honors also include a 28-game hitting streak which tied the third longest in NCAA Division II history.

Larson began his college career at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

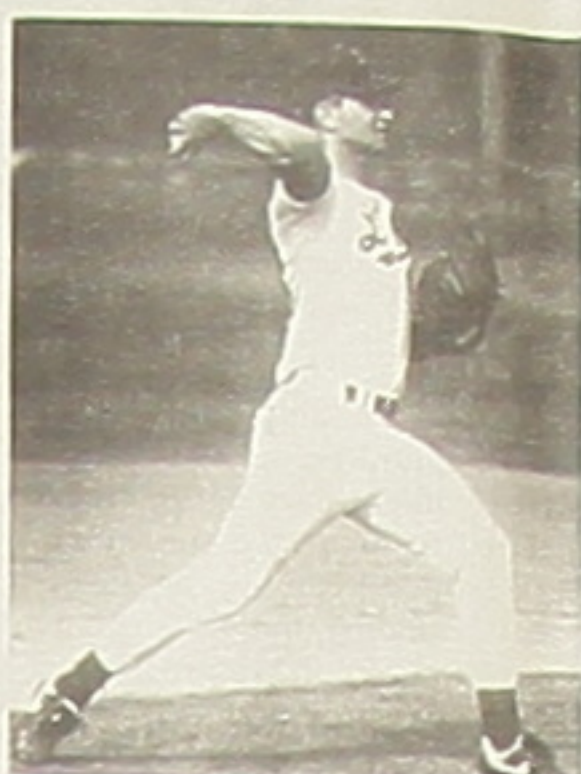
"My freshman year there I was playing quarterback on the football team. After a season, I decided that wasn't for me, so I began concentrating on baseball," said the 6-foot 183-pound senior.

Larson's admiration for his older brother, Chris, prompted his decision to go to Wisconsin-Stout.

"I just always looked up to Chris a lot, so I went to play where he was. He played first and I played short-stop that season."

After a year in Wisconsin, Larson moved on to Normandale Community College in Minnesota where current Southern players David Leathers and Jason Halvorson and former Lion outfielder Tom Busch also played.

"[Southern Head Coach Warren] Turner was the financial manager



Bryan Larson

for the Junior Olympic team," Larson said. "He met my coach at Normandale at an all-star game there."

"Coach Turner just asked my coach who he had that hadn't signed anywhere. I met Coach Turner right after that and decided to come down here."

Now in his second season with the Lions, Larson believes he made the right decision.

"I have no regrets at all," he said.

"Here in Joplin, unlike Minnesota, we can have a year-round program. Up there you can't have a good outside practice until April. There's a big difference fielding a ground ball outside instead of on the gym floor."

"Southern also has a great baseball atmosphere," says the marketing and management major.

Even with all his accomplishments, Larson still considers the trip to last year's NCAA Division II College World Series and the resulting loss to national champion Jacksonville State his longest-lasting memories from Southern to date.

"I will never forget losing that last game," said Larson concerning the 20-4 defeat on June 1.

Even though three players off last year's runner-up team were signed by Major League clubs, Larson refuses to take anything for granted after this season is over.

"I wasn't talked to by anyone (Major League scouts) last year. So I really have no idea what is going to happen," he said. "If the season is over, and I don't go on (to professional baseball), I'll go to summer school and finish up my degree."

HOW IT'S DONE



CHAD HAYWORTH/The Chart

Senior catcher Diane Miller, a two-time second-team All-American, helps freshman Jaki Staggs during warm-ups of a recent game.

► TRACK AND FIELD

Boleski helps start program's success

By NICK COBLE
STAFF WRITER

Having athletes graduate from its ranks is a sign of an established athletic program.

As senior Donna Boleski becomes the first Missouri Southern track athlete to graduate next month, the program will have come full circle.

"Donna helped start this program," Coach Tom Rutledge said. "She helped lay the groundwork in terms of her work ethic. Donna's probably one of the best-conditioned athletes I've worked with."

Boleski, 23, is a Wichita native who began her running career in the seventh grade. After making it to the high school state championships in the one and two mile during her junior and senior years, she went to Butler County Community College in El Dorado, Kan.

On the junior college level, Boleski made it to nationals both years. She was uncertain, however, where to continue her education and running.

"I was indecisive about where I

wanted to go," she said. "I could have gone to Wichita State. Coach [Rutledge] had called my coach and said he was starting a running program. I visited and liked what he had to offer."

During her years on the senior college level, Boleski has seen significant improvements.

"I never thought I'd run close to a five-minute mile, because I've never had much leg speed," she said.

Boleski continues to win races ranging from the 1,500 meter to the 10,000 meter. Making it to nationals on the senior college level, however, has proved elusive thus far.

"If things came too easy it would be boring," she said. "It's frustrating because I get provisional times."

Other challenges on the road racing scene have attracted Boleski, including the Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, Minn., in June.

"I didn't go out and push myself hard because I just wanted to finish," she said. "About the 20-mile mark, I started to question why I was out here."

ON THE RIGHT TRACK



NICK COBLE/The Chart

Senior Donna Boleski fends off a Missouri-Rolla runner during the MSSC Crossroads Invitational. She will become the first track athlete to graduate since the program was established in 1990.

► SOFTBALL

Academics bring Miller to Southern

By STACY CAMPBELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Highlights in Diane Miller's softball career are easy to find.

Miller, a two-time second-team All-American, thinks her All-American status along with her sophomore year are "the tops."

"Winning regional when I was a sophomore is one of the top because not many gave us a chance to win, except ourselves and our fans," she said. "Being a second-team All-American is an honor in and of itself as well."

During that year, she led her team to a 36-9 record and an eventual fourth-place finish in the nation in the team's first year as an NCAA Division II school.

Along the way, Miller garnered MIAA MVP and Female Athlete of the Year honors. In 1991, in addition to her All-American honor, she was given the E.O. Humphrey Award (MSSC Outstanding Student/Athlete) and was a GTE Academic All-District.

The senior physical education major credits her success to hard work.

"I was always taught to work hard, and it is the biggest thing that has paid off for me in school and out of school," Miller said. "My biggest dream was to play college ball, and my parents always stressed the only way that was to happen was through hard work."

Coach Pat Lipira calls Miller one of the best female catchers she has ever seen.

"She's tops in all aspects of the game," Lipira said. "She is good with the bat, calls the game well, receives pitches, and her arm is phenomenal."

Lipira added that Miller has won respect with her play.

"People know her and know not to run on her," she said. "I have had at least a dozen coaches ask me when she is going to graduate."

However, Lipira is not looking

forward to that day.

Miller said her family has been one of the biggest forces behind her success.

"My parents never pushed us into anything, but supported us and told us if we enjoyed something to go after it and work at it in anything we do," she said. "I also have five older brothers and sisters who have helped me through and are still here today to help."

"They are a big support group, and we are all really close."

Miller does, however, realize others have played significant roles in her development.

"I had the God-given talent, but a lot of people have made a difference," she said. "My summer coach, Frank Barnes, had a big part in where I am today, even though Coach Lipira has done a lot for me on and off the field."

"I just hope one day I can take the things she's given me and use them."

Lipira is the main reason Miller decided to come to Southern.

"When I was looking for a school, it was a hard decision because it is not just four years—it's virtually all your life," she said. "I have gone to a lot of places, and the first thing they talked about was the program and athletics. Never once in the first 30 minutes did education come into the picture."

"Education was the first thing Coach Lipira talked about, and it showed me she cared for me not only now, but in the future, too."

Miller noted three things she has learned during her stint at Southern.

"Friendship is the most important thing I have gained," she said. "Leadership is another thing, because as a catcher you see the whole field and somebody has to take control."

"The final thing is teamwork. I have learned you can't do things by yourself and be successful, but you have to reach out and ask for a hand."

► TENNIS

Woods' determination offsets early woes

Tennis gives senior feeling of self-worth

By STACY CAMPBELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Never say die is the motto Melissa Woods has used to make herself a better player.

"I don't give up," said Woods, a senior elementary education major with an emphasis on early childhood. "Most of my matches are three-setters because it takes me a set to warm up."

Woods said she is able to overcome

the poor opening sets with that attitude.

"I often play badly in the first set, and many people would give up and say it's over, but I won't give up until the game is over," she said.

Coach Georgina Bodine also has seen Wood's determination.

"She is definitely a fighter and never gives up," Bodine said. "She is mentally tough and wins a lot of matches because of that."

Woods got her start in tennis by hitting a ball against a shed in her backyard.

"One day a lady came up to me and asked me where I had played.

She told me I was pretty good," Woods said. "I told her I played in my backyard."

"I later got involved in tournaments, and when high school came, I gave it a shot."

Woods, a graduate of Parkview High School in Springfield, feels fortunate to have had the coaches she has had.

"I was always the lucky one who had the best coaches," she said. "In high school my coach was awesome, and when I got here, I had Coach [Hartford] Tunnell, who was great."

After Tunnell left, Woods nearly left the sport she loved—tennis.

"I almost quit," she said. "I could have very easily burned out and got frustrated, but Coach Bodine has turned out to be good."

"When you have good coaches, you don't want to quit because you want to prove to them you're good."

Woods noted that tennis has given her a sense of accomplishment.

"I come from a family where my older brother was 'Mr. Intelligence' and my older sister the 'Debate Queen,' and I always felt I was [just] Beth Woods' younger sister," she said. "Tennis has given me a name, and I made myself see I was worthwhile."

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WAR DECLARED ON MISSOURI?

Lion Stakes tests Southern ROTC



Sgt. Richard Wright briefs ROTC cadets before leaving on the Lion Stakes exercise held on April 16. Approximately 15 cadets attended the event, which was held to test ROTC students' basic military skills.

People walking on Missouri Southern's campus last Thursday might have noticed what appeared to be armed students in battle fatigues roaming the area.

No, Oklahoma and Kansas have not declared war on Missouri. It was the Lion Battalion, Southern's ROTC unit, practicing land navigation and other skills in the first Lion Stakes exercise.

Sgt. Richard Wright, instructor in military science, said the exercise was designed to test the third-year ROTC students' ability in such areas as leadership, navigation, and other military areas.

Students were divided into teams

Two of the stations were positioned in the woods along Turkey Creek. One was at the flag pole near Hearnes Hall, and one was in the field behind the Police Academy.

Wright said the group utilizes as much of the campus as it can for its exercises.

"We try to keep them in the woods as much as possible," he said. "That's what they are going to have to get used to, because that is what they will see at Fort Lewis."

Each unit was allowed five minutes to travel between the stations and 15 minutes to accomplish the tasks assigned. MS4s were at each station to judge the MS3s' perform-

Lion Battalion some advantages over other ROTC units at other colleges, Wright said.

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Wright praised the dedication of the ROTC students at Southern.

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of four with an MS3 (military science third-year student) leading three first- or second-year students. The team leader was given a grid map of Southern's campus and grid coordinates of three stations positioned in remote areas of the campus.

The MS3s had to use a compass to find the coordinates, move to each point, and do the task required at that station.

"Each station I've got set up is something the MS3s are going to need at advanced camp [at Fort Lewis, Wash., this summer]," Wright said. "The whole idea behind this is to test their land navigation skills and how they operate under pressure."

ance, and the scores were tallied after the teams returned to the Police Academy.

Wright said sometimes the battalion goes to Fort Crowder, south of Neosho, to conduct exercises.

"It would have been nicer to take them to Fort Crowder this time, but I think they are still going to benefit greatly from this experience," he said. "The only thing Crowder would do is challenge them in their land navigation a little more. They know about the campus, and any time you know an area that helps your navigating tremendously."

The woods, creek, and other features surrounding Southern give the

a lot longer than two hours," Wright said. "These students stick with it, though."

Some MS2s, who worked under the MS3s on this exercise, said the opportunity to watch the MS3s would help in the future.

"We're doing everything now that the MS3s are doing," said Mike Triplett, sophomore biology education major. "And we're MS2s, so we'll be ahead in the game."

Frankie Ras, junior pre-physical therapy major, won this first Lion Stakes event with a perfect score of 58 points. Wright said Ras' name will be engraved on a plaque in the military science office.



Tuan Pham (right), freshman pre-physical therapy major, and Sherrie Bakie (left), sophomore psychology major, lead a fire team down a hill.



Jim Smith, junior radiologic technology major, guards his position with a simulated M-16 rifle during exercises in a field near Turkey Creek.



Frankie Ras, junior pre-physical therapy major, practices map reading and land navigation. Ras and his unit won the Lion Stakes contest.



The ROTC battalion prepares to set off on its Lion Stakes mission.

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